

Murdoch 'wants Times editor out'

LONDON (R) — The Australian owner of the Times newspaper, Rupert Murdoch, seeks the resignation of Editor Harold Evans and wants to impose his own political views on the paper, an executive said on Friday. "Mr. Murdoch has very right-wing views and wishes his newspapers to reflect those views," Anthony Holden, a Times assistant editor, told a radio interviewer. Mr. Evans refused to sacrifice his editorial independence and this led to disagreements between them, Mr. Holden added. Times journalists have said Mr. Evans has twice refused to resign. But Managing Director Gerald Long told reporters: "There is no dispute about the independence of the editor, nor has there ever been, nor will there be." Mr. Evans was non-committal. He quoted Mark Twain's words: "Rumours of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

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Soviets denounce U.K. Trident plans

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet news agency TASS on Friday denounced Britain's plans to buy U.S. Trident nuclear missiles and said they indicated that Washington was not sincere in trying to achieve an arms reduction accord with Moscow. TASS said that if Britain were equipped with the multi-warhead missile, it would mean the U.S. leadership was handing over formidable weapons to its allies but refusing to have them counted at current arms talks in Geneva. The U.S. and Soviet Union are negotiating a reduction of European-based medium-range nuclear missiles at the Geneva talks. Washington has refused demands by Moscow that the atomic arsenals of Britain and France should be included in calculations for a new East-West agreement.

Military exercises to begin in Poland

WARSAW (A.P.) — Polish, Soviet and East German military forces will open a week of joint exercises in northwest Poland Saturday, three months after the Warsaw regime imposed martial law in the country, the state-run media said Friday. Announcement of the operation, assigned the codename Friendship '82, came as ranking Polish officials were reported warning of persisting threats to peace and the likelihood of further economic dislocation.

Turkey confirms sentence on Agca

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's military rulers on Friday night confirmed a death sentence on Mehmet Ali Agca, the man who wounded the Pope, and three other Turks convicted of murders. Turkish state radio said the decision by the five-man National Security Council was final, meaning Agca would be convicted of murdering a newspaper editor in Istanbul in 1979 but escaped from jail before he was sentenced. Agca is serving a life sentence in Italy for shooting Pope John Paul in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on May 13 last year.

Greek air space 'again violated'

ATHENS (R) — Turkish war planes violated Greece's air space five times in the past 24 hours over the Aegean island of Kastellorizo, a government spokesman said on Friday afternoon. He said the Greek government had instructed its charge d'affaires in Ankara to protest to the Turkish government over the action. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu presided over a meeting of key ministers and the Greek ambassador in Ankara, George Papoulias, on Friday which examined Greek-Turkish relations after a string of alleged air space violations over the last two weeks.

Iraqi forces kill 8 Iranians

BEIRUT (R) — Iraqi forces have killed eight Iranians in the Gulf war over the past 24 hours, the Iraqi News Agency said on Friday night. A military communiqué quoted by the agency put Iraqi losses at seven dead.

Fighting intensifies in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Fighting intensified in eastern El Salvador Friday as government troops continued a drive against left-wing guerrillas, army sources said. At the same time rebels battling the U.S.-backed government harassed security forces in the capital and in neighbouring towns, the sources said. An infantry brigade commander was shot dead by a sniper in San Vicente province, 70 kilometres east of here, and a woman and two children were killed by cross-fire in the nearby town of Tecolote. Local residents said a group of rebels attacked the town at dawn and withdrew after setting fire to five houses.

U.N. requests troops

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Requests went out Friday to the governments of Fiji, France, Ghana, Ireland and Nepal for more troops for the U.N. force in Lebanon and to Italy and Norway for extra logistics support, a U.N. spokesman said.

Secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar asked for the soldiers in response to the Security Council's agreement last month to expand the force by 1,000 officers and men.

The U.N. spokesman said the countries being approached already had contributed contingents, some of which were now below optimum strength.

Under Secretary-General Brian

Urquhart, in charge of U.N. peacekeeping, said on Wednesday that an advance party of extra troops would be in place by the end of this month. He downplayed fears of serious new trouble in the area, calling the reports alarmist.

Mr. Urquhart Wednesday gave a Jordan Times correspondent in New York the following remarks: "Very often I do not understand this reported on-again, off-again Israeli attack on southern Lebanon. I think it might be a negotiating tactic, a scaring tactic. Of course it also might not be."

"I do not see why the Israelis would want to attack Lebanon either before, or after April—the scheduled date for Israeli withdrawal from Sinai."

Mitterrand, Reagan begin talks on disagreements

WASHINGTON (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand met President Reagan at the White House Friday for talks which U.S. officials expected would deal with disagreements over Central American and economic policies.

President Mitterrand was greeted on arrival by National Security Adviser William Clark.

He had earlier flown by supersonic Concorde from Paris.

Talks were to start immediately and continue over lunch. Mr. Mitterrand planned to fly back to Paris Friday evening.

The talks were taking place against a background of U.S. displeasure at French policy towards Central America and French and European concern over high U.S. interest rates.

The Reagan administration, while approving of France's strong military posture towards the Soviet Union, is worried about French participation in the planned natural gas pipeline from Soviet Siberia to Western Europe.

It is particularly concerned at proposed low-interest French loans to Moscow in connection with the project.

Undersecretary of State James Buckley flies to European capitals on Saturday to discuss the pipeline and the question of future credits to Moscow.

Mr. Reagan is awaiting his return before deciding whether to bar foreign subsidiaries of American firms from making equipment for the pipeline project.

But Secretary of State Alexander Haig has opposed pushing U.S. opposition to the project to the point where it might crack

Western alliance unity. Direct U.S. sales are already barred under trade sanctions imposed by Mr. Reagan following the imposition of martial law in Poland last December.

On Central America, U.S. and French policies are in direct opposition.

France has urged that the leftist guerrillas fighting the U.S.-backed junta of President Jose Napoleon Duarte in El Salvador should be brought into discussions on the country's future.

Mr. Haig has said the guerrillas are under foreign, mostly Nicaraguan, control.

The administration rules out negotiations with them unless they lay down their arms and agree to take part in an electoral process which begins with balloting for a constituent assembly on March 28.

Washington charges that Nicaragua is building the biggest military force in Central America, and this week it displayed aerial reconnaissance photographs as evidence of the buildup.

While U.S. relations with Managua have steadily worsened, France has agreed to provide the leftist Sandinista regime with \$16 million worth of arms on the theory that this is the best way to keep it from going over to the Soviet bloc.

When Mr. Mitterrand arrived at the White House Friday, following a meeting on Thursday between President Reagan and Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre, the Somali flag, blue with a white star, still flew in the grounds rather than the French flag.

Qadhafi compares U.S. policy to Nazism

VIENNA (A.P.) — Col. Muammar Qadhafi, the visiting Libyan leader accused of terrorism by the U.S. administration, compared American policy to Nazism and said his country would never "go on its knees" to the United States.

Col. Qadhafi, who is on his first official visit to a Western country in 10 years, said he condemned terrorist movements in Europe, but could understand them.

He made the remarks in a formal dinner toast late Thursday, one day after the United States announced a ban on imports of Libyan oil and on exports of technology because of Libya's alleged involvement in international terrorism.

"I am sorry that such a great power as the USA takes refuge in sanctions and blockades. That is certainly a dangerous policy," Col. Qadhafi said, according to a German translation carried by the national news agency, APA.

He compared his regime in Libya to the French Revolutionary government, saying the French Revolution was condemned by the great powers of 200 years ago but now is seen "as progress for humanity."

"The only ones who don't understand this are the USA. The position of the USA, I can even compare with Hitler," he said.

"The American policy is the real terrorist policy," Col. Qadhafi added.

U.S. officials have predicted that the refusal to buy Libyan oil will make it more difficult for Col. Qadhafi to finance his alleged terrorist activities because the world market is currently overstocked with crude, placing downward pressures on oil prices.

Col. Qadhafi said "the blockade of Libya by the USA will lead to Libya's not being able to help many countries as before. This will certainly have an effect on the economy of Europe."

Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, whose meetings with Col. Qadhafi have been denounced by political opponents, major newspapers and Jewish groups, said he did not agree with Col. Qadhafi on many issues.

But he said in his seven-year acquaintance with the colonel, he found a man "who was always ready to discuss many questions with calm and propriety."

Poland rules out accord with anti-Communists

WARSAW (R) — Military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has told his countrymen that only those who acknowledged Communist supremacy and Poland's Soviet bloc alliance could take part in any future national accord, the official press reported here Friday.

"There is but one national raison d'etat. Only those who stand on the groundwork of the constitution, recognise our state's alliances and favour the leading role of the (Communist) Party in Society are with us and can be with us," he said.

Gen. Jaruzelski was addressing a meeting in Warsaw on Thursday of the newly emerging civic committees of national rebirth, local pro-government groups which support the ruling military council.

Sources close to the suspended free trade union Solidarity have called the committees a propaganda smoke-screen and have strongly advised against cooperating with them.

Reports circulating in Warsaw on Friday said 513

pro-Solidarity newsmen would lose their jobs as a result of "verification," the term used to describe the loyalty tests to which mass media workers and others in sensitive posts have been subjected since martial law was declared three months ago.

In Warsaw, meanwhile, no signs of any unusual troop movements were reported on the eve of completion of the third month of martial law.

Last month, large convoys of armoured personnel carriers and riot-control vehicles sped through the capital on two consecutive evenings in a major show of force to discourage public demonstrations against martial law.

Reports suggesting that detained Solidarity leader Lech Walesa would be allowed home for his daughter's christening on Sunday appeared to fade on Friday.

"With each day I am losing hope," Mrs. Danuta Walesa told Reuters in a telephone conversation from her home in Gdansk. "So far the authorities have failed to act on my request."

EEC agrees to small cut in Soviet imports

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) has agreed to a small cut in Soviet imports in a move intended more a political protest over the Polish situation than as a bid to disrupt East-West trade, diplomatic sources said Friday.

The sanctions, hammered out this week at meetings of member state ambassadors to the EEC, would cut Soviet annual exports to the EEC by only a little more than one per cent compared to the 3.5 per cent proposed by the EEC Commission, they said.

"There was agreement that this measure should constitute a strong political signal to Moscow, and we decided this could be achieved adequately through limited cuts," one senior EEC diplomat said.

EEC governments decided to exclude from the sanctions several articles suggested by the commission last month as suitable for cuts. These included cars, furs, soda ash and industrial diamonds, the sources said.

They said the sanctions would be formally approved by EEC finance ministers at a meeting here on Monday.

A senior U.S. official here described the sanctions as highly significant, despite the sharp reduction in their scope.

"The EEC is a trading bloc and trade is its lifeblood. Any measure at all to limit its external trade is therefore an important step. I would say this is a serious warning to Moscow," he said.

The cuts in imports, representing about \$120 million worth of trade, will affect a wide range of manufactured products, but will not touch the Soviet Union's major exports to the EEC, raw materials and energy.

"We deliberately steered clear of anything that could vitally affect our industries. The aim was not to make a major economic impact on the Soviet Union," the diplomat said.

Goods affected by the sanctions include shrimps, fish conserves, pearls, caviar, non-industrial diamonds, certain fabrics, wood, refrigerators, aluminium, glass, carpets, and some motors, the sources said.

Imports of these and other articles on the list will be reduced by either a quarter or a half. The commission had proposed an across-board reduction of 50 per cent for goods on its list.



His Majesty King Hussein and Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq review a guard of honour at Amman Airport before the president's departure on Thursday (Petra photo)

Pakistani president leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq left Amman Thursday afternoon after an official one-day visit to Jordan during which he had talks with His Majesty King Hussein and senior Jordanian officials on issues of joint interest and relations between the two countries.

A Jordanian aide under His Majesty King Hussein and the Pakistani side under President Zia held a meeting Thursday at the Royal Court. During the meeting, they discussed the dangers posed to the Palestinian issue and ways of developing them.

Attending the talks from the Jordanian side were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Staker and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem.

Present from the Pakistani side were the secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry, the assistant secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry, the Pakistani ambassador in Amman and the Foreign Ministry's under-secretary. President Zia was received and seen off at Amman Airport by King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan, the prime minister, the chief of the Royal court, the president of the National Consultative Council, the court minister, the chief chamberlain, the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, ministers and high-ranking civilian and military officials.

The King also expressed the hope that the Islamic committee's efforts would lead to stopping the bloodshed and establishing peace between the two countries in accordance with the principles of good neighbourliness and international laws and norms.

Eurocouncil panel insists on meeting in Jerusalem

STRASBOURG, France (A.P.) — The 21-nation Council of Europe has rejected formal Arab government protests against holding a Political Affairs Committee meeting at the Israeli Knesset.

The committee was scheduled to meet May 17 at the Israeli parliament in Jerusalem.

"The committee would like to make it plain that the acceptance of the Knesset invitation to meet in Jerusalem can in no way be interpreted as an endorsement of Israeli positions in Jerusalem or the Golan Heights," Committee Chairman Tom Urwin said Friday. The committee had met Thursday to consider Arab protests.

"The meeting of the Political Affairs Committee will give the

members of that committee the opportunity, in the presence of Israeli observers, to express their views freely on issues which so unfortunately continue to divide Israel from its neighbours," Mr. Urwin said.

Israel has held observer status in the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe since 1958.

The latest Arab protest over the meeting came Thursday from Moroccan King Hassan II. He sent a message to Parliamentary Assembly President Jose Maria de Arellano warning him of the "grave consequences the meeting could have on relations between Islamic nations and Europe."

King Hassan is the president of the Islamic Conference's Jerusalem Committee.

Madrid conference adjourns

MADRID (A.P.) — The European security conference moved to adjourn for nine months Friday amid bitter recriminations by the United States and the Soviet Union that their differences over Poland were endangering the future of the 35-nation meeting.

Austria echoed the concern of the neutral and non-aligned nations with implicit criticism of the United States for concentrating too much on Poland instead of the meeting designed to review the 1975 Helsinki agreements on human rights and detente on Poland.

The charges and counter-charges by the Soviet Union and the United States were the toughest since the Madrid meeting began 18 months ago and reflected growing pessimism on any final agreement.

An official Soviet statement accused the United States and its NATO allies of a "destructive, obstructionist line" on Poland, an accusation that brought an immediate response from U.S. chief delegate, Max Kampelman, that the Soviet Union was engaging in "the big lie."

Arabs are France's best clients

PARIS (R) — Nearly three-quarters of France's 34 billion francs (\$5.6 billion) worth of arms exports last year went to North Africa and the Middle East, French Defence Minister Charles Hernu said on Friday. Although sales in 1981 showed a drop of 10 per cent over 1980, the Arab countries remained France's best arms clients, he said. Mr. Hernu, who gave the figures to the French National Assembly's defence committee, said that arms exports to black Africa reached 1.8 billion francs (\$300 million), an increase to 5.3 per cent of the total from 1.6 per cent the previous year. Giving a breakdown of 1981 exports, Mr. Hernu said North Africa and the Middle East accounted for 24 billion francs (\$4 billion) worth of aircraft, warships and other military equipment or 72 per cent of total arms sales abroad.

Begin 'stands firmly' behind Village Leagues

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin met with the leader of a West Bank Village League three days after Jordan said it would bring treason charges against any Palestinian who cooperated with the Israeli-sponsored leagues.

On Thursday night, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, in retaliation for the Jordanian announcement, outlawed the National Guidance Committee, a coalition of Palestinians set up to oppose the proposed "autonomy" for occupied regions.

Government officials said that in his meeting with the head of the Hebron area Village League, Mustafa Dudin, the prime minister "reiterated that Israel stood firmly behind the associations following the threats coming from Amman."

The five leagues established so far are regarded by most Palestinians as an Israeli attempt to bypass the more representative West Bank leaders, mainly mayors of major towns.

Mr. Dudin earlier this week expressed satisfaction with a statement by Mr. Sharon that Jordan would be treated as one of the Palestinian groups fighting Israel if it imposed the death penalty on West Bankers who collaborated with Israel through belonging to the Village Leagues.

Most members of the leagues have been trained and armed by the Israeli army following the assassination of the Ramallah area

league chairman in November. Several West Bank leaders reacted angrily to Mr. Sharon's decree outlawing the guidance committee, which has been largely inactive since two senior members the mayors of Hebron and Halhoul, were expelled from the West Bank in May, 1980.

The mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, who has not joined the committee, described it (Sharon's decree) as a further encroachment on Palestinian rights and liberties.

Hilmi Hanoun, mayor of Tul-karem and a senior member of the committee, denied Israeli allegations that the organisation had sought to incite violence against the authorities.

Mayors Fahd Al Qawasmi and Mohammad Milhem were expelled after the authorities charged them with incitement which led to the attack on Jewish extremists in Hebron by a commando group.

The guidance committee suffered another setback in 1980 when the mayors of Nablus and Ramallah were crippled by car bombs. The attackers have not been caught but are widely believed to have been Jewish fanatics.

"There is no doubt the order was issued in retaliation for the Jordanian warning regarding the Village Leagues," Mr. Hanoun said.

"In any case, the decision will hardly have any effect since the committee has been inactive for a long time," he added.

Klibi in Beirut for talks

BEIRUT (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi arrived in Beirut Friday for talks on the Lebanese crisis, official sources said.

The sources said Mr. Klibi would confer with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan and other senior officials.

They would discuss the work of the Arab League. Follow-up

Committee, which has been seeking a solution to the crisis, the sources said.

A committee meeting planned for March 1 was postponed until previous resolutions could be carried out.

The committee, which has representatives from Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the Arab League, has not met since November.

Surinam's rulers say coup attempt smashed

PARAMARIBO (R) — Surinam's leftist rulers said Friday they had put down an attempted coup and captured rebel leader Wilfried Hawker.

Lt. Col. Daysi Bouterse, head of the military government, said in a communiqué that his forces were in full control of the South American republic.

Hawker, 28, a former army sergeant major, called on his supporters to surrender to avoid more bloodshed in a recorded statement released by the authorities.

The rebellion, which began on Thursday, was put down by government troops in a 30-minute attack early this morning on a Paramaribo army camp held by the rightist insurgents.

Col. Bouterse said Hawker was wounded in the fighting and was being questioned. Some rebel troops were still free.

People in the capital of the former Dutch colony were urged to remain indoors.

The communiqué said the authorities believed a small number of people had been killed.

It was the second attempt in a year by Hawker and his supporters to topple Col. Bouterse's government which seized power in 1980. Surinam, rich in bauxite and sugar cane, has been independent since 1975.

During the uprising, which Col. Bouterse described as "wild and senseless," both sides broadcast appeals on radio and television for the support of the 375,000 population.

The rebels promised that their national liberation council would form a cabinet with no military members and that the army would be excluded from politics in future.

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Country scene by Yacoub Habib

AMMAN — One of the best things about the art of children is the way it unwittingly, yet constantly evokes a response of pure enjoyment. Its appeal is immediate and universal. It delights you with a creativity of daring new colour combinations and bright ideas; sometimes it makes you laugh out loud by crazy co-ordinations of reality; more often it shocks you with its sheer, guileless honesty.

Epitomising and demonstrating all these aspects, and more, is the exhibition of the paintings and col-

lages of the children of the National Orthodox School, which opened at the Alia Art Gallery Friday.

Well selected, mounted and hung by art master Halim Sarraf is the work of over 100 children aged between 11 and 14. That they all enjoy their brief once-weekly art lesson is shown only too clearly by the careful application of paint and the lovely detailing. At every lesson, Mr. Sarraf gives the children a germ of an idea, which they are then in-

ited to develop and illustrate. The best of each of these sessions is displayed in various sections at the exhibition.

All the paintings' themes have a local flavour, but none more so than the sections where the children have painted aspects of Jordanian traditional life. There are action-packed pictures of shapely belly dancers, along with gentler images of the bedouin boy with his flock of sheep, of the farmers and their wives and children harvesting the oranges or picking the fallen olives from beneath the

ART REVIEW

Children's artworks evoke pure enjoyment

Fourteen-year-old Yacoub Habib has captured an often forgotten, yet integral part of Jordanian life with his beautifully alive picture of the bakery. Here the fire burns in fierce reds and oranges from the gas jet, while the baker in shirt sleeves endlessly extracts from within the deep mysterious recesses of the oven the round flat loaves on his wooden paddle.

Samer Abu Meneh, on the other hand, has caught, at the age of only 12, the essential colour of Jordan by painting his oxen pulling the plough in many different shades of brown.

The bright embroidery of the traditional Palestinian dresses seems to inspire many of the young artists, while drawing the *madafa* (guest house) involved them in adding such details as plates of *mansaf*, the uniform of the desert police, coffee pots and tents.

One section which seemed to give the children wide scope for their imagination was the depiction of the Arab struggle on the occupied West Bank. Overheard accounts of torture and human abuse led to many gruesome images full of blood. Television news

programmes were obviously another source of material, as some of the children caught exactly the wobbling frenzy of activity that occurs in obscure corners of the small screen.

Many excellent pieces of decorative and design work complete the collection. On an interesting background of a large red circle and blue square, Naha Talil has arranged some pressed flowers. Khalid Curdi's potato prints are full of pleasing repetitive shapes and colours, while 13-year-old

Annie Dadarian's collage in soft pieces of wool, representing a cock and hen and their brood, is a real pleasure.

Finally, the joint effort in making a collage out of tiny shiny beads by Rima Goussous and Saraa Komsieh has resulted in a beautifully executed picture of a traditionally dressed woman in black, reds and beiges.

If you are feeling a bit low or depressed, then this is the exhibition to cheer you up.

Mag Abu Hamdan

Gallery honours distinguished African guest



In honour of the arrival of former Senegalese President Leopold Senghor, the Jordan National Gallery is exhibiting this week a series of 10 prints which were made as a tribute to Mr. Senghor by Lebanese artist Amin Al Bacha. These colourful and spontaneous pictures, one of which is reproduced here, depict many aspects of African culture and environment.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * Prints in tribute to former Senegalese President Leopold Senghor, at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts.
- * Art by students of the National Orthodox School, at the Alia Art Gallery.

Film

- * L'Associe, colour-film sub-titled in Arabic, at the French Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JETT receives 5 new buses

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Express Tourist Transport Company (JETT) Thursday received a consignment of five pullman buses, which cost JD 180,000. With the arrival of the new buses the company has acquired 70 new buses of this type, a JETT spokesman said. Meanwhile, it was announced here Thursday that JETT will put its buses into regular service between Amman and Jerash in May, to enable citizens and tourists to visit the city when the new sound and light spectacular will be in operation.

Engineers' elections put off

AMMAN (Petra) — The elections of the Agricultural Engineers Association have been postponed until Mar. 26 for lack of a quorum. The number of engineers who paid their subscriptions by Thursday evening totalled 650, out of a total of 1,590 engineers registered at the association. Four candidates are competing for the post of association president.

Aqaba installs int'l telephone lines

AMMAN (Petra) — Communications Minister and Telecommunications Corporation Chairman Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben announced on Friday that the city of Aqaba has been connected with two direct international telephone lines, which can ensure telephone calls to various parts of the world. He said the telephone operator in Aqaba can place the calls straight from Aqaba, without having to send them through the Amman switchboard. Dr. Zaben said the step was taken to provide external telephone services to Aqaba, to meet the needs of the city and of foreign visitors, quickly and efficiently.

UNRWA gets EEC butter

AMMAN (Petra) — A shipment of 300 tonnes of butter arrived in Aqaba Port recently as a contribution from the European Economic Community (EEC) to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

Justice minister back from U.S. tour

AMMAN (Petra) — Justice Minister Ahmad Abdul Karim Al Tarawneh and his delegation returned to Amman Thursday evening at the end of a four-week visit to the United States. Mr. Tarawneh travelled to Washington, New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston and New York to get acquainted with the U.S. judicial system and legal proceedings there. In a statement on his return, Mr. Tarawneh said they visited the Supreme Court, the appeals and first instance courts, prisons and Harvard and Columbia universities, and exchanged views on several legal matters with officials at these institutions. He added that they had talks with the chairman of the Senate and House judiciary committees, on judicial and legal matters, and attended several criminal and civilian court cases.

Irbid power co. electrifies camp

IRBID (Petra) — The Irbid District Electricity Company last month completed a project for supplying Souf refugee camp in Jerash District with electricity. The project, which benefits nearly 800 subscribers, cost JD 80,000. A company spokesman said that work in under way for supplying Ashrafieh, Jahn and Khanasiri villages in Irbid Governorate with electricity. The project, expected to be completed in the coming few months, will cost JD 100,000, he said.

Jordan team set for Hammad talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will participate in the annual meeting of the Hammad Basin project, which will begin in Baghdad on Sunday. An official delegation headed by Natural Resources Authority (NRA) Director General Yousef Al Nimri will represent Jordan in the meeting. Mr. Nimri told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the participants will discuss the project's annual budget, and will review the work accomplished in the last three years. They will concentrate on the achievements of the last year, with the aim of evaluating the project. The Hammad Basin borders on the territories of Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Asfour returns from energy conference

AMMAN (Petra) — Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour returned to Amman from Doha on Thursday morning after participating in the second Arab energy conference, held there from Mar. 6 to 11. Some 400 participants from various Arab states took part in the conference. In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Asfour said that the participants discussed several topics related to sources of and demand for energy, industries related to it and the development of manpower in energy industries. Mr. Asfour asserted the significance of developing new sources of energy in the Arab countries through technological development as well as overcoming the executive, administrative and financial obstacles in the way of this development. Well over 66 research papers on energy were submitted to the conference, he said. The Jordanian delegation submitted several working papers, one on energy in Jordan in general, another on electricity in Jordan, and a third on the Jordan Electricity Authority.

M.P.'s Jordan visit confirmed

AMMAN (Petra) — British Shadow Foreign Minister Roland Moyle will begin a four-day visit to Jordan on Saturday. During the visit, Mr. Moyle will have talks with Jordanian ministers and senior officials on the latest developments in the Middle East situation.

Mayors learn about Social Security

ZARQA (Petra) — A seminar was held Thursday at Zarqa Municipality for the mayors of Zarqa, Al Hashimiyeh, Al Sukhneh and Ruseifa, and the chief accountants of these municipalities. The seminar discussed Social Security and the regulations governing those covered by it as of the beginning of this year. Social Security Corporation Information Section Chief Ali Isa explained the regulations governing the inclusion of municipality employees in the Social Security scheme. He also spoke about the goals and advantages of Social Security. Mr. Isa said the number of workers and government employees covered Social Security so far totals 130,000. He said Social Security now also covers all municipality workers, and the employees of the University of Jordan and the Yarmouk University.

Parliamentary meetings set

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) will hold its 56th ordinary session on Monday.

During the session, the NCC will refer the press association draft law; the ratification of an agreement between Jordan and the World Bank, and a draft law amending the general health law to its specialised committees. The government will also answer questions and proposals submitted by NCC members on state lands illegally used by citizens.

The Upper House of Parliament will meet on Saturday under Speaker Bahjat Al Talhouni. Members will get acquainted with reports and statements issued by Comecon, which embraces Hungary, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, the Soviet Union, Poland and Vietnam, calling for detente between East and West.

Queen opens U.S. exhibit of the Islamic heritage

HOUSTON, Texas (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor opened in Houston on Friday an exhibition of the Islamic heritage held on the occasion of the 15th hijra century.

Queen Noor said at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, which will continue until the end of May, that if the American people come to understand the great Islamic heritage, she hoped they would have a better opportunity to understand the Islamic way of life with open hearts and minds.

The Queen added that efforts at rapprochement and understanding would not be fruitful unless a just solution is found for the plight of Jerusalem, the cradle of the three monotheistic religions, which is suffering under the yoke of the Israeli occupation.

In a message addressed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan to the organisers of the exhibition, he expressed the hope that the ex-

hibition would give American citizens a good opportunity to get acquainted with Islam's spiritual and material contributions to the modern world.

President Reagan also said in his message that all have benefited, whether through the historical Islamic heritage or through modern-day relationships with the Islamic world based on mutual respect and cooperation, from the innovative and constructive elements of Islamic civilisation.

Mr. Reagan also said in his message that the activities of the American national committee for celebrating the 15th hijra century are a great contribution to understanding between the American and Muslim peoples. The exhibition, which is the first of its kind in terms of diversity and comprehensiveness, will travel to several American and Canadian cities in the next two years.

Panelists discuss Jordan's difficult balancing act on tourism, antiquities

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's historical and archaeological heritage is potentially one of the major sources of the country's wealth. How to tap this rich resource by making these sites available to greater numbers of tourists, without destroying forever their calm beauty and timeless atmosphere, is becoming a matter of increasing concern in many quarters.

It was to this problem that a discussion group, chaired by Prof. Malcolm Quantrill, addressed itself on Wednesday evening at the British Council. Prof. Quantrill, architect, critic and urban conservationist, emphasised the urgency of the question in his introductory remarks by saying that the famous Swiss adventurer Burckhardt, who discovered Petra almost 200 years ago, would have never believed "the situation we have today when as many as 2,000 tourists arrive daily at the threshold of the city."

Prof. Quantrill went on: "If he is already turning in his grave, he would doubtless soon be spinning at the number of daily visits which the Ministry of Tourism is now aiming at."

The sudden increase in the Jordanian population caused by the influx of refugees and the virtual closing of the West Bank from this side of the Jordan River — which meant a greater reliance was placed on Petra and Jerash as a means of providing tourist revenue — have further exacerbated the problem, he said.

After showing some slides of Petra, Prof. Quantrill introduced his guests. Present were Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh, archaeologist Mrs. Najwa Nusseibeh and in the place of Director of Antiquities Adnan Hadidi was Mr. Michael Rice. Mr. Rice, an archaeologist by training, is a consultant on Museum design and planning.

The lively debate, in which many members of the audience participated, began with an expression of concern about the depletion of Jordan's natural beauty, principally by the removal of trees. It was felt that the environment must be preserved, not just at historical and tourist sites themselves but on all the routes

leading to them. Mr. Hamarneh replied to this by saying that many trees were planted each year, and gave an assurance that legislation would soon be passed to protect trees already established.

Damage to the environment, however, is not caused only by the removal of the natural fauna and flora. The installation of equipment needed to stage a sound and light spectacular at Jerash, for instance, is seen by many to pose a serious threat to the site. Much criticism was voiced at the debate about the standard of workmanship on the project, and the allegedly inappropriate fittings, which were said to be neither flexible nor moveable.

Many suggestions were made as to the type of facilities that could be provided for increasing numbers of tourists. Mr. Hamarneh said that the ministry was intending to class the visitors into categories such as itinerant travellers and specialists. Different provisions and accommodation could then be provided for the different categories.

Mrs. Nusseibeh suggested that accommodation other than hotels would make the tourists feel more involved with the sites they visited. Mrs. Crystal Bennett, director of the British Institute at Amman for Archaeology and History, agreed with this. She said the

caves at Petra would be ideal alternatives, if properly equipped. Mrs. Bennett went on to say that pony and traps would be an acceptable way of transporting tourists around the sites, as all agreed that cable cars and funicular railways were quite out of the question.

In summing up the evening's discussion, Prof. Quantrill reiterated three important points. First, he said, Jordan was very fortunate in having the unique combination of a Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. This provided the framework for close cooperation, he said, which could be further enhanced if there was cooperation with other ministries such as the Ministry of Public Works.

Prof. Quantrill expressed his satisfaction that the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities is not only going to class the tourists, but also intends to provide an extensive programme of instruction, by way of visual aids and good models, on what there is to see at each of the sites.

The chairman ended by saying that he was "grateful to hear Mr. Hamarneh say that in the future the ministry wanted to take expert advice more seriously in the formation of a long-term programme for the opening up of sites and the development of tourism, in terms of environmental considerations."

Jerash sound and light spectacular completed

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jerash sound and light spectacular was handed over to the Ministry of Tourism Thursday after completion of its installation and programming. The project's director, Mr. Yousef Al Alami, said that the spectacular will be operational by the middle of May.

The project, which cost JD 400,000, will offer tourists and visitors historical background on the Roman site in four languages: English, French, German and Arabic.

Meanwhile, the Italian government is to send an archaeological team from Turin's department of antiquities to help in restoration work going on at Jerash, the Department of Ant-

iquities announced Thursday. It said that restoration work is to be carried out within the department's five-year plan, with international assistance.

The Polish government also announced that it will send an archaeological team to Jordan, to help in excavation and restoration work to be carried out by the Department of Antiquities around the country during this year.

At the same time, the department is now reported carrying out an archaeological survey at Wadi Rumm and Wadi Araba in southern Jordan. The three-year survey programme is designed to enable the department to compile documentation of ancient inscriptions in these areas.



Former Senegalese President Leopold Senghor (centre), in the company of Crown Prince Hassan and Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber, addresses the World Affairs Council Thursday (Petra photo)

African thinker addresses Amman forum on ties

AMMAN (Petra) — Former Senegalese President Leopold Senghor spoke Thursday evening at the World Affairs Council in Amman, on the topic of Afro-Arab relations.

In the lecture, which was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan—Mr. Senghor's host during his visit to Jordan—the visitor said that the new economic order advocated by some African and Arab statesmen after the independence of their states should be preceded by a new international cultural order. He said what prevents the establishment of a new world economic order is cultural contempt, which obstructs any real progress in the North-South dialogue.

Mr. Senghor said this contempt is exemplified by the belief of Americans, for example, that \$200 a year is a sufficient income for the citizens of poor countries—because they are "uncivilised,"—at the same time as they believe that \$10,000 a year is not enough for an American citizen.

The African statesman said he was one of the leaders who called for close Arab-African cooperation. He said these efforts had materialised, and were fruitful until the conclusion of the Camp David agreements. Cooperation reappeared after the establishment of the Afro-Arab forum, he said.

Commenting on the lecture, Crown Prince Hassan called for three-fold Arab-African cooperation. It should work, he said.

Baq'a rally supports King's move for Iraq

BAQ'A (Petra) — The residents of the Baq'a refugee camp and the adjoining areas held a popular rally on Thursday to express their support of His Majesty King Hussein's initiative in supporting Iraq's war against Iran.

The participants in the rally also praised the Jordanian government's policy of confronting the Israeli-sponsored Village Leagues in the occupied Arab territories. They declared that this policy reflects Jordan's principled and consistent stand in defending the Palestinian cause, the rights of the Palestinian people and their national soil, as well as supporting their honourable steadfastness against the Israeli occupation.

The participants in the rally also declared that Iraqi victory over Iran would be a victory for the Palestinian cause, because it would pool Arab resources and unify Arab efforts to liberate Palestine.

At the end of the rally, the participants sent two cables of support to King Hussein and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Ajlouni meets volunteer students

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni met at the municipality hall on Thursday morning with 250 social science students of the University of Jordan, who will begin voluntary work in Al Tafaleh quarter in Amman soon.

Mr. Ajlouni praised the positive social role which University of Jordan students are performing, and their actual participation in the development and organisation of the community. He also praised the big achievement of the social science students in establishing the cultural, social and sports centre in Nazza quarter.

He said the municipality, in light of these results, has decided to allocate a plot of land in Al Tafaleh quarter of Jabal Al Jofeh for a social youth centre, which will include a mosque and a garden. The 250 students will work on the centre's establishment.

Religious leaders warn against Israel exploiting Jewish-Christian dialogue

AMMAN (Petra) — Several Muslim clergymen, and heads of Christian denominations, called Thursday for an Islamic-Christian meeting at the headquarters of the Islamic Congress in Amman.

Meeting at the headquarters, the clergymen reviewed developments in the occupied Arab areas and the difficult circumstances which the Muslims and Christians there are passing through, in which the Israeli occupation authorities are persecuting Arab citizens. The Israelis also challenge the religious and national feelings of the Muslims and Christians alike by intruding on the Muslim and Christian holy places and terrorising the citizens, they said.

The participants also discussed the latest international developments involving the Palestinian cause, and were acquainted with the Christian-Jewish dialogue at the Vatican. The participants decided to send a cable to the Vatican affirming that coexistence among the monotheistic religions was a cultural phenomenon of the history of the

Arab and Islamic Nation, and that throughout the ages Muslims, Christians and Jews have lived in a state of religious tolerance.

The participants pointed to what they called the seriousness of the circumstances under which the Christian-Jewish dialogue is taking place. They expressed the fear that the results of the dialogue might be exploited by Zionism to embark on further Judaisation of the Muslim and Christian holy places in Palestine, and on further persecution of the citizens of the occupied territories.

They also expressed the hope that the dialogue would not lead to further political support for Zionism, at a time when Israel is facing an international isolation. The participants said that the dialogue could very possibly offend the feelings of the Arab Muslims and Christians, who stand side-by-side in the Arab World and face the same challenges and persecution from Israel.

Several Muslim and Christian thinkers and intellectuals attended the meeting.

Today's weather

An increase in temperature will occur, with medium and high clouds and a chance of local rain in the afternoon. Winds will be light and variable, becoming southwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	6	15
Aqaba	12	22
Deserts	5	17
Jordan Valley	8	20

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 13, Aqaba 21. Humidity readings: Amman 45 per cent. Aqaba 39 per cent.

African visitors speak on South-South dialogue



AMMAN (Petra) — Moroccan Royal Academy Member Mahdi Mangara, who is accompanying former Senegalese President Leopold Senghor on his current visit to Jordan, held a press conference at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel on Thursday. Assistant Chairman of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and Benin Mansa Moys former Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Mohammad Ibi Issa, president of the Al Muhi cultural society — rapporteur of the parliamentary cultural affairs committee in Morocco — also spoke at the conference.

Mr. Mangara asserted the significance of bolstering Afro-Arab cultural, economic and technological cooperation, and said: "This is a must if we are to give impetus to the North-South dialogue." He explained that the success of the

North-South dialogue depends on the success of the dialogue among the countries of the South themselves and the Arab-African dialogue.

Mr. Ibi Issa noted that the Arab World is rich in its financial resources, and Africa is rich in manpower and natural resources, including raw materials. He said these two things complement each other, and can do a great deal to boost economic development in the Arab World and Africa, parallel to that of Europe and America.

Dr. Mansa Moys said in the press conference that Arab-African cooperation should not be restricted to benefit got from natural resources, but should, before all, be oriented towards the exchange of views to form a common ground and agreed-upon positions, to evaluate common problems and find solutions.

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How safe is Brezhnev's job?

By Steven R. Hurst
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MOSCOW — A series of unusual events in recent weeks has fueled speculation that Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet Union's 75-year-old president, may be in political trouble.

Some Soviet sources believe his fragile health, age and inability to do a full day's work are becoming a political issue. But they caution against assuming there is a move afoot to oust Brezhnev, who has been in power for 17 years.

In the last five weeks, his daughter has been linked to a corruption scandal. An article published in a Leningrad magazine seemed to make a veiled attack on him. And a man thought to be close to him was removed from his job as head of Soviet trade unions.

Previously, Brezhnev's health problems and long disappearances from public view had been matters of idle gossip, but now concern is leaking out of the Kremlin hierarchy.

Communist Party sources say there is growing resentment in the power structure about the greater role being played by two of Brezhnev's top aides, Yuri I. Blatov and Andrei M. Alexandrov-Agentov. Brezhnev began delegating tasks to key aides as his health began slipping about a decade ago.

Word of dissatisfaction with the aging Brezhnev began seeping out of the Kremlin late last month shortly after the death of Mikhail A. Suslov, the Soviet Union's hardline ideologist and no. 2 man. Suslov, who died Jan. 25 of a stroke at the age 79, was thought to have sponsored Brezhnev's rise to power after the 1960 ouster of Nikita Khrushchev.

Suslov's death left a large void in the politburo and is thought to have set in motion intrigues in the secretive ruling body.

Some observers believe Brezhnev is backing his close politburo ally Konstantin Chernenko, 70, as a successor. One Soviet source said Brezhnev ordered Soviet television to provide extensive coverage of Chernenko's trip to Paris last month when he attended the 24th congress of the French Communist Party.

Besides Chernenko, two other politburo members have been gaining power within the ruling body's intricate apparatus, the sources said.

Yuri V. Andropov, head of the KGB state security police, and Dmitri F. Ustinov, the defense minister, both are gaining ground, but

the sources said there was no indication the two men resented Chernenko's apparent ascendancy.

Rumours of a Kremlin power battle began circulating in Moscow with news of a scandal in the Soviet circus that was said to touch Brezhnev's daughter, 53-year-old Galina Churbanova.

Anatoly Kolevatov, director general of all Soviet circuses, and a man known only as Boris the Gypsy, were rounded up in an ongoing, widespread crackdown on corruption. Kolevatov reportedly was accused of collecting bribes from circus performers for allowing them to travel abroad.

Both men reportedly had close ties to Mrs. Churbanova, whose husband Yuri M. Churbanov is a deputy minister in the Soviet ministry of internal affairs, which runs the national police force.

The Soviet sources discounted speculation that the scandal surrounding Brezhnev's daughter was being brought to light as part of an attempt to topple the Kremlin leader.

One Soviet source remarked that it would take a more important issue than misbehaviour by his children to bring Brezhnev down. "Had he tried to stop the investigation that touched Galina, that would have been such an issue," the source said.

Another source for speculation was an article that appeared in last December's issue of the Leningrad magazine Aurora, which was dedicated to Brezhnev's 75th birthday on Dec. 19, on page 75 of the journal was a brief article that some observers believed was meant as a lampoon of the aging Soviet leader and his writing.

The article suggested that it was hard to believe any such great writer was still alive but predicted "we shall not have to wait long (for his death). He will not disappoint us. We all believe in him. We wish him to finish the works which he has not finished yet and hasten to bring us joy."

Then on Friday the government's TASS news agency announced that the nation's top trade union official, Alexei I. Shibaev, was removed from his job for unspecified reasons. He was said by some to have been a Brezhnev protegee.

Others expressed doubt that his removal was linked to a decline in Brezhnev's power. They noted that Soviet Labour productivity has lagged and that the all-union Central Council of Trade Unions was holding a plenary session in preparation for its next congress March 16.

Can't Reagan please anyone?

By Neil Lewis
Reuter

WASHINGTON — As the most conservative president elected in decades, Ronald Reagan was widely applauded by America's conservative movement when he came to the White House little more than a year ago.

But many of those ideological warriors now seem to have become his harshest critics. In a recent well-publicised event, a group of right-wing writers and thinkers met Mr. Reagan to express disappointment with the course of his administration.

Their complaint is that Mr. Reagan has forsaken his philosophical roots for political compromise. In short, they believe Mr. Reagan, who has made a career out of conservative rhetoric, has been too timid in attempting to implement that approach.

These are the kind of conservatives for whom the vilest epithet to hurl at a fellow Republican is "pragmatist".

They have three main charges: A — Mr. Reagan has not moved to implement their social agenda opposing abortion and the husing of schoolchildren for integration, as well as promoting prayer in public schools.

B — The Reagan economic programme of drastic cuts in spending, on which nationwide criticism has focused, does not go far enough.

C — Many of the people surrounding the president are not "true Reaganites" but rather moderate republicans uncommitted to drastic change.

"We love what he has been saying. We can't get enough of it," conservative columnist John Lofton said. "It's just that we're greatly worried that Ronald Reagan is not going to get what he wants."

Their strongest criticism is reserved for those moderate Republicans surrounding the president, people with prior political connections to Vice-President George Bush, for instance.

According to participants at the Feb 1 meeting with Mr. Reagan, Chief of Staff James Baker and Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver were singled out. Mr. Baker managed Mr. Bush's unsuccessful presidential campaign and Mr. Deaver is a longtime Reagan family friend.

The increasing rancour of the critics has begun to annoy those on the receiving end and their friends.

One Republican associate of those in the White House fumed "who is a true Reaganite?" The individual, who asked not to be named, noted that Mr. Lofton once worked under Mr. Bush at the Republican National Committee.

Another conservative critic, Richard Viguerie, supported John Connally and Congressman Philip Crane for president originally, not Ronald Reagan, he said.

Mr. Viguerie, who is publisher of the conservative Digest and the mastermind of direct-mail fund-raising for conservative causes, last week said a poll of conservatives attending a Washington conference gave the administration a "C" rating for its performance in many areas.

Don Todd, of the American Conservative Union, said many conservatives did not agree with the relentless criticism of the president from his supposed friends. "You expect to be attacked by your enemies," he said, "but this is too much."

Aside from personnel, the administration has come under attack from other conservative quarters for not going far enough in trying to reduce the federal budget.

The Heritage Foundation, conservative centre for research on public affairs, said president's recently presented budget was not bold enough.

"The Reagan budget knife is still too dull," the foundation said in a report expressing its disappointment.

Mr. Reagan went on the offensive in an address last week to the Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC), an umbrella group of several conservative organisations.

He sought to reassure his longtime philosophical friends he was still the committed conservative they once knew him to be. Last year he said in a speech to the same group that social issues would have to await his actions on the economy.

In attempting to reestablish his kinship with the hard-core right wing, he told the audience this time his economic programmes were social programmes.

Foolish

By Tareq Masarweh

SINCE SUSPICION of Washington is not a sin, we suspect that the noise about the rumoured U.S. Hawk missile and F-16 jet deal — which, as alleged, was offered to Jordan by U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger when he visited Amman — was meant to drown out any mention of the sale of 200 new U.S. Hawk missiles to Israel. It seems that the mere possibility of selling arms to Jordan has been understood to threaten Israel's security and defence capabilities; and hence come these missiles to defend Israel's security, that being threatened by the possibility of Jordan's getting advanced weapons.

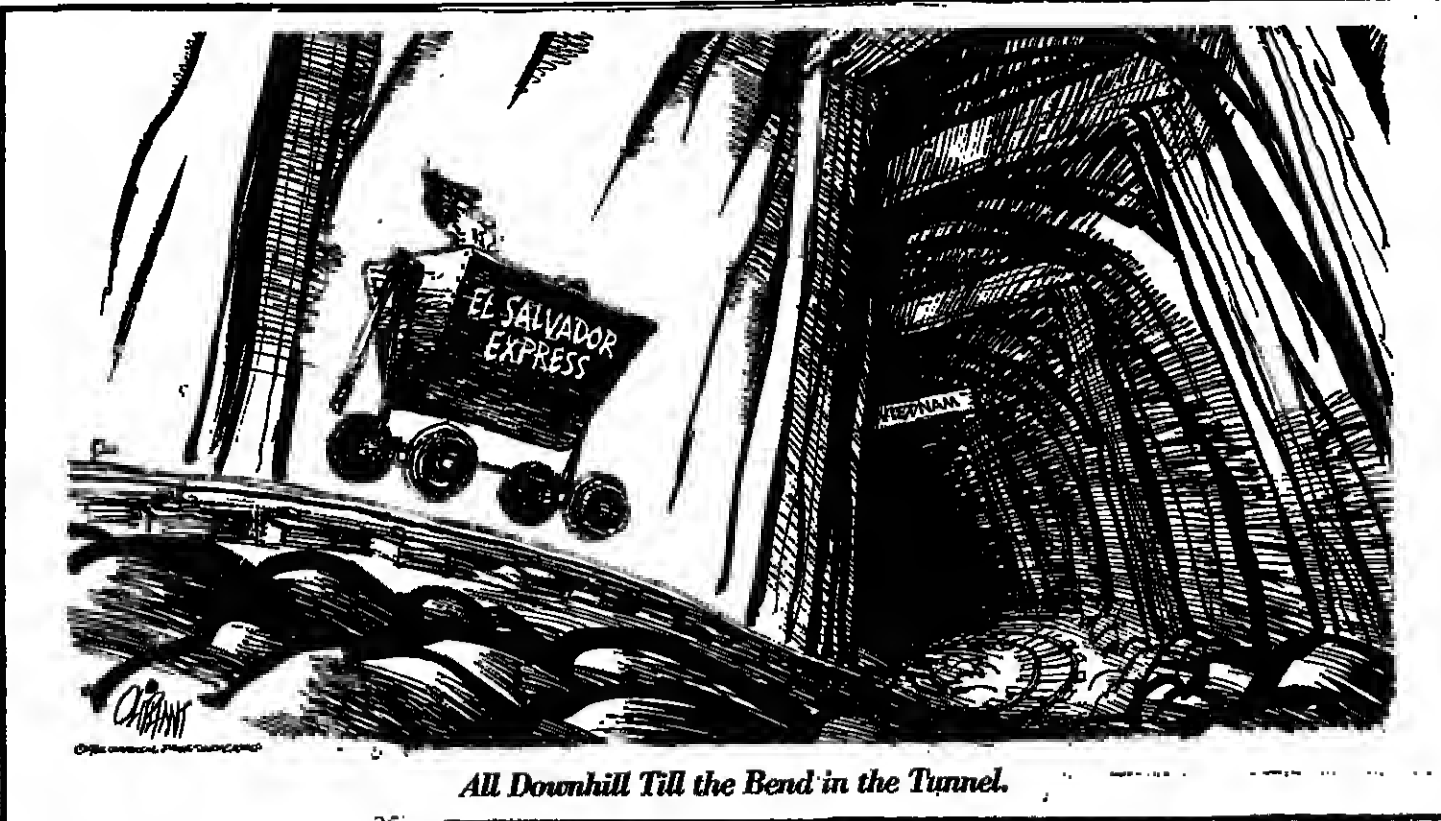
Never before in human history has a superpower been so foolish and stupid as the United States in dealing with this region. And never before in human history has a nation stood for such humiliation as that our nation has accepted from the United States. If this were not the case, then how could things like this happen? How, and when will this long nightmare come to an end?

Washington has been, and still is, able to deceive the short-sighted Arabs. It has been able to peddle the idea that it is committed to Israel's security, and at the same time, to a "just and honourable" solution. The United States is still peddling the same goods, despite the fact that Israel has annexed Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, settled in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, gained control over southern Lebanon and attacked the Iraqi nuclear reactor. The United States is actually committed to Zionist expansion, as much as it is committed to maintaining Israel's military superiority and hegemony over the whole region.

How else could we explain the propaganda campaign which blew a non-existent arms sale to Jordan so far out of proportion? How could we explain the sale of 200 Hawk missiles to Israel to "defend its security"? Whose security would then be defended? Is it not that of the expansionist aggressor? Washington's objective is clearly to support the enemy's continued aggression and to accelerate its expansion.

When dealing with the Arabs, the United States considers their military backwardness; while when dealing with Israel it thinks of its military superiority. Washington's aim is to keep Israel in possession of the occupied territories, and to urge it to expand, because what it cannot bring under its own political hegemony it hands over to Israel.

The trouble is that nobody wants to understand.



All Downhill Till the Bend in the Tunnel.

Papandreou's honeymoon

David Tonge, recently in Athens, looks at the performance of Mr. Andreas Papandreou four months after the election victory that made him the first reformist prime minister of Greece since the age of Europe's dictators.

The contrast between Mr. Andreas Papandreou, the forceful radical of yesterday, and Prime Minister Papandreou, the measured spokesman of his country today, is striking. Yet there is an equally crucial contrast now evident in Greece, between the current stability of the country and the fact that it is undergoing its most radical changes in half a century.

With Dr. Papandreou's election victory last October, Greece's reformists are in power for the first time since the era of Europe's dictators. They have carried out a major purge of the top ranks of the state machinery. Their own appointees now fill all policy-making positions, from ministries and state-controlled banks to television and the state oil refinery.

They have decapitated the civil service, abolishing two senior grades and limiting service to 35 years. They have scrapped many of the grace and favour committees which had mushroomed over the years. Economic policy is being decided by a new top-level committee headed by the prime minister.

Politically, many old established Greek attitudes are being altered. The ending of the Church's monopoly over marriage, equality for women, the abolition of school uniforms and capital punishment, the lowering of the voting age to 18, all these reforms, and more, have been introduced or are under way.

A radically different spirit is abroad. The fact that one-half the cabinet have been political prisoners and one-third have suffered torture is reflected in the more democratic tone of Papandreou's Greece. The opposition is being given regular access to television, a novelty in the country. The union department of the security police has been abolished. Trades union and co-operative legislation are being eased. A younger and more open generation rules the roost.

It could well have been chaos. Indeed at times it seems the government is learning to fly only after the plane has already taken off. Yet after its first four months in office the judgment must be that so far the transition of power has been remarkably smooth. One statistic symbolises the

degree to which the previous government had run into the ground. The public sector borrowing requirement last year reached an ominous 14-15 per cent of GNP. This was almost twice the 1980 level, the jump largely reflecting that government's attempts to spend its way out of electoral defeat.

This and the general economic policies of the previous government have just been wittingly criticised in one of the more scathing country reports ever drafted by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Last year consumer prices rose by 24.5 per cent, GDP fell by 1/4 per cent and investment by 12 per cent.

This failure on the economic front was coupled with a general lack of progress elsewhere. The Macmillan-style instincts of Mr. George Rallis were continually thwarted by the "backwoodsmen" in his party. Inefficiency, patronage and, at times, corruption were the order of the day.

It is this background which both contributed to Dr. Papandreou's sweeping election victory and now ties his hands. For the vaunted "rendevous with history" of his party, Pasok, has become something of a trek through what he now calls "scorched earth". His priorities have had to change.

He says he is still setting the stage for "the further development of Greece in the direction of socialism". But, as he told the Financial Times in his first newspaper interview since taking office: "That is not something which can be achieved in four years." Instead efficiency and economic revival have joined democratisation and modernisation as the words he stresses to visitors to his pine-ringed house above Athens.

The 1982 forecasts prepared this winter by the OECD, now slightly overtaken by events, show the problems facing Greece's new rulers. Consumer price were expected to rise by 28 per cent, investment to fall by five per cent and GDP to grow by 1.5 per cent. The current account deficit was forecast to rise slightly, from \$2.5 billion to \$2.75 billion. These forecasts are now being changed, in particular where inflation is concerned; the government has adopted a far tougher range of policies than the OECD had assumed.

The PSBR is to be trimmed by 2-3 per cent. Promises of new schools and hospitals have had to be shelved. Fiscal policy is being tightened, with a new wealth tax likely.

A tighter monetary policy is planned, as is an incomes policy — though here the government's partial indexing of wages has raised labour expectations and could make today's virtually strike-free Greece a cherished memory.

Far from nationalising industry, it is emphasising that its first duty is "to restore business confidence and investment activity," as Mr. Gerassimos Arsenis, Governor of the Bank of Greece, puts it.

Yet contacts with many leading industrialists have been carefully nurtured. The "socialisation" plans for industry turn out to involve bringing unionists and local and national government representatives on to management boards. They now scare few.

"Why should we complain at being asked to do in Greece what we already accept for our subsidiary in West Germany?" says a spokesman for Piraki Patraiki, the country's leading textiles firm.

Mr. George Tsatsos, managing director of Hercules General Cemen, Europe's single largest cement exporter, goes further: "I think they have good intentions. They are new in power, but a lot of indications show their goals are in the right direction."

Public opinion polls show that Dr. Papandreou's standing has continued to rise since the October elections. Yet just as the bleak light of reality has obliged him to change his policy on the economic front, so it is affecting his foreign policy. Here, the overriding influence is the perceived threat from Turkey.

As for the "green guard," direct evidence is scarce, but the charge has sufficiently exercised Dr. Papandreou for him recently to summon a special meeting of 4,000 party cadres to tell them to keep out of the government's work.

This problem of satisfying a party more radical than its leaders have become may erupt in the future. But for today the "greening of Greece" goes on apace. Dr. Papandreou's honeymoon continues.

— Financial Times news feature

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Support from the people

AL RA'I: With open minds and pure consciences and with a sense of patriotism, our kinsmen in the occupied areas accepted the order issued by the Jordanian military governor against the Village Leagues, created by the occupation authorities, and against their few collaborators.

Thus our kinsmen in the occupied areas said yes to the Jordanian measure which exposed the evil Village Leagues and the few collaborators who are heading them. They also said yes to the deterrent punishment awaiting the traitors, and yes to the national Palestinian unity to prevent the actual annexation of the Palestinian lands to Israel.

Our kinsmen in the occupied areas have inscribed shining pages in the annals of courageous resistance against the various plots, whether intended to make them destitute and terrorise them, or to deceive them by recruiting agents through the Village Leagues.

In these kinsmen, we say that your welcoming of the military governor's order, despite the roaring of the occupation authorities, is fresh evidence that your resolution is stronger than the Israeli threats, and that your conscientiousness cannot be affected by the alterations of the agent heads of the Village Leagues. Some of the heads of these leagues are now coming out to condemn themselves by themselves on the sight and hearing of everyone.

To our kinsmen in the West Bank, we say: You can see for yourselves those who have exposed themselves by themselves, after disguising themselves and acting under the pretext of serving the villages. Now they are revealing their identity and asking for assistance and protection from the usurper and occupier.

It is surely useful that the masks should fall off the faces of these people, although these masks have never succeeded in concealing what lay behind them. It is also useful that our kinsmen there compare between the pretenses of protection claimed by Sharon and the terrorist actions of the occupation authorities with the aim of evicting and displacing our kinsmen and usurping their lands. Our kinsmen are entitled to ask: Against whom does Sharon want to protect them, while Israel is considering them aliens on the Palestinian lands?

Naturally, the Israeli defence minister wanted to instigate our kinsmen to disobey the military governor's order. But he forgot that no one would respond to his instigation, and no brother would fight against his brother. Moreover, the ties of kinship between us and the brothers in the West Bank are stronger than threats or attempts to undermine them.

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For the first time in six years

U.S. wholesale prices fall

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. wholesale prices, an important indicator of future inflation levels, fell last month for the first time in six years, the government reported Friday.

The Labour Department said that the producer price index for finished goods dropped 0.1 per cent in February compared with a 0.4 per cent increase in January.

The February decline was the first since the same month of 1976 when wholesale prices dropped 0.2 per cent.

There is no precise mathematical relationship between wholesale and retail prices, but the wholesale index generally indicates the future direction of inflation for consumers.

President Reagan's main economic goal is a lowering of inflation, which was running at an annual rate of 8.4 per cent in January compared with 8.9 per cent in December.

Many economists say inflation has been cut at a cost of high unemployment, high interest rates and severe recession.

Wholesale prices rose seven per cent last year after increases of 11.8 per cent in 1980 and 12.8 per cent in 1979.

The figures released Friday also showed a decline in wholesale price for crude materials and goods at the intermediate stage of production, suggesting that the outlook for further moderation in inflation is favourable.

The Labour Department said this was the first time that wholesale prices at all three stages of production — finished, intermediate and crude — had declined in the same month since February, 1975, when the U.S. economy was nearing the bottom of its worst recession since World War Two.

Despite the general decline in wholesale prices during February,

food prices continued to rise.

The food increases came at all levels, from the farm to finished foods ready for consumers, but they were considerably smaller than the increases in January.

Prices on food ready for sale to consumers rose 0.5 per cent in February after a 1.1 per cent increase in January.

Lower prices for heavy equipment and energy goods were major contributors to the overall drop in prices of finished goods.

The department said a 0.4 per cent drop in equipment prices was primarily due to rebates offered to buyers of cars and trucks by manufacturers.

Energy costs fell 1.8 per cent in February, twice as much as in January, to show the largest monthly decrease in more than six years. Petrol prices were down 2.7 per cent in February, after a 1.1 per cent drop the previous month.

Gold price tumbles

LONDON (R) — The price of gold slipped again in a nervous market Friday and bullion dealers fixed the metal at its lowest setting in London since September 1979.

In early trading the price of gold fell three and a half dollars to \$322 an ounce, before moving up to \$322.5 for the fix, when dealers set the market price at which most contracts in the metal are made.

The price of gold has fallen from just under \$400 an ounce at the start of the year. The slide has accelerated in the last two weeks and dealers said the market was very vulnerable to any speculative selling aimed at testing new lows.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Wednesday that the Soviet Union had sold a record 60 tonnes of gold in January to meet cash problems. Middle Eastern states are also reported to have sold some of their stocks to meet deficits caused by the oil glut.

Gold staged a minor recovery earlier this week, moving up from Monday's New York low of \$321.75 to \$335 by midweek. Dealers said the latest decline was caused in part by conflicting reports about recent Soviet activity in the market.

Kuwait's investment returns double

KUWAIT (A.P.) — The investment returns of Kuwait almost doubled in the fiscal year ending June 1981, reaching \$6.1 billion. But its oil exports fell in value by 25.4 per cent in the same period, according to statistics published Tuesday by the quarterly report of the Central Bank of Kuwait.

The returns from surplus petrodollars, mainly invested in foreign and Arab countries, jumped from \$3.1 billion in 1979-80. This was a bumper result in the country's endeavours to shift the focus from oil to foreign investments, as the key source of revenue, economic analysts said.

The figures revealed that the country's income from foreign investments formed 27 per cent of the total public revenue and equaled 39.3 per cent of oil revenues.

"This fast-growing return from investments also reflects the sophisticated investment administration skills attained by Kuwaiti portfolio managers," the analysts said.

The report however said that Kuwait's income from oil exports fell by 25.4 per cent in the same year, from \$20.8 billion to \$15.5 billion.

The sharp jump in investment returns helped to make up for the oil drop, thus maintaining the rate of decline in the total public revenue at eight per cent below their level in the previous fiscal year, the bank said.

It attributed the oil revenue decrease to three factors: — Establishment of the \$3.5 billion Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and its undertaking of refined products operations. This

resulted in transfer of oil revenues to the corporation, thus limiting the revenues to the sales of crude oil and natural gas, and taxes and royalties received from oil companies.

— The reduction of crude production, in accordance with a government decision to reduce the production ceiling to 1.25 million barrels daily from 1.5 million barrels, coupled with the development of a glut in the world market, which backfired on the country's production and forced further cutbacks.

— The relative stability and general downward trend in oil prices, particularly as of the beginning of 1981.

The Central Bank's figures indicated that the country's surplus income fell by \$16.7 billion to \$13.2 billion.

It attributed the fall partly to a 20 per cent increase in public spending, which the bank put at \$9.2 billion.

It did not give any figures on Kuwait's surpluses invested outside the country. But statistics released by the bank earlier indicate

that the country accumulated about \$62.7 billion in surplus petrodollars since the quadrupling of oil prices in 1974.

The substantial increase in returns from investments abroad is a further step toward the fulfillment of the economic policy target, which projects income from investments at two-thirds of the total income at the end of the century, economists said.

It will also enable the government to postpone the depletion of oil through cutting back production whenever possible. Kuwait's current production is around 665,000 barrels daily.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah believes that the oil age in Kuwait, with a proven reserve of 72 billion barrels and a current production target of 1.25 million barrels a day, would last for another 140 years.

According to government sources, 66.6 per cent of Kuwait's surpluses are invested in the United States and European countries, 4.8 per cent in Arab states, one per cent in Japan and African states and 27.6 per cent locally. The Kuwaiti government over

the past two years stepped up its policy of investing in equity shares and real estate. Its latest large-scale operation was the takeover of the U.S. Santa Fe Corp. at \$2.5 billion.

Kuwait already owns a 10 per cent stake in the German Volkswagen's subsidiary, Volkswagen do Brazil, a 14 per cent equity share in Daimler-Benz, the German vehicle group, and a 25 per cent share in the Korff Stahl metal concern.

Kuwait also has its money invested in real estate, government securities and bank deposits in the United States, Britain and other Western countries.

Despite calls for withdrawing Arab investments from Western countries and shifting to the Arab and developing world, the finance minister of Kuwait, Abdullatif Al Hamad, architect of portfolio administration, believes Kuwait cannot dispense with the international market. The Arab and Third World countries are still lacking in sophisticated financial infrastructure required for large-scale investments, the minister points out.

Japan's real GNP drops

TOKYO (A.P.) — Japan's real, or inflation-adjusted, gross national product (GNP) fell for the first time in six years during the last three months of 1981, the Economic Planning Agency (EPA) said Friday.

Faced with sluggish domestic demand and a recession among its Western trading partners, Japan's real GNP fell 0.9 per cent in the October-December quarter compared to the previous quarter.

The last time real GNP dropped was during the January-March quarter of 1975, when the economy sagged on sharply rising oil prices.

EPA officials said the worsening recession in the major industrial countries was the main reason behind the drop, which had been anticipated.

While domestic demand showed

a growth figure of 0.4 per cent, exports and other overseas factors represented a 1.3 per cent negative growth during the period.

In the current fiscal year, the pace of growth of Japan's economy has been gradually slowing down. In the first quarter of the fiscal year, April-June 1981, GNP growth was at an annualised rate of 4.9 per cent. This slowed to 0.6 per cent in the second quarter and fell in the latest accounting period.

The government in January had pledged a 4.1 per cent real growth in the current fiscal year ending March 31, but the latest statistics have made that goal an extremely difficult one to attain, officials have said.

Compared with 195,933 trillion yen (\$823 billion) in the prior three-month period, seasonally adjusted GNP in October-December totalled 194,202 trillion yen (\$815 billion), calculated on an annual basis. In 1980, it amounted to 190,811 trillion yen (\$801 billion).

THE LONDON EXCHANGE RATES REPORT does not appear today due to poor reception of wire services.

Turkey, Japan sign credit agreement

ANKARA (A.P.) — Turkey and Japan signed a credit agreement Friday under which Japan will lend \$55 million to this NATO-member country this year with concessionary terms.

According to an official announcement, the \$55 million is part of a \$100 million credit Japan will be extending to Turkey within the framework of a Western consortium to aid Turkey. The consortium has been active since 1980 when Turkey appealed to the Western nations for an aid package to help its recovery from a severe economic crisis.

The loan is to be repaid in 25 years, including a seven-year grace period, at 4.25 per cent interest.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — The market was mixed Friday with an easier bias as the account ended on a quiet note, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 was down 1.2 at 566.7.

Conventional government bonds ended between 1/4 and 1/2 point lower but dealers noted continued demand for index linked stocks, with the Treasury two per cent 2006 issue adding 3/4 points to £101 1/2.

In a dull oil sector, Shell ended unchanged at 350 following Thursday's results. Gold shares resumed the downward trend as the bullion price touched another 2 1/2 year low during the morning while U.S. shares were narrowly mixed.

Equities were featured by Huntley and Palmer, which rose 7p to 111 after 113 on news of talks with Nabisco which may lead to a recommended offer. Rowntree Macintosh, whose bid for Huntley has been rejected as inadequate, added 2p to 168 after 172.

STC firmed 33p to 523 after results in generally lower electricals. Plessey added 5p but both GEC and Racal lost the same amount and Thorn lost 8p.

Banks, depressed since the budget hint at another levy on profits, were steadier Friday but tobaccos remained weak. ICI and Bowater both shed 4p but movements among the other leaders were limited to 2p either way.

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5:30 Koran
5:50 Cartoons
6:15 Rainbow
6:35 P.G. and the Bear
7:20 Local Programmes
7:30 Local Programme on Agriculture
8:00 News in Arabic
8:30 Arabic Series
9:30 Local Programme
10:10 Arabic Play
11:00 News in Arabic
11:10 Arabic Play Continues

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
7:45 Varieties
8:00 News in Arabic
8:30 M.A.S.H.
8:55 Doctor
9:30 Sunday Variety Show
10:00 News in English
10:15 Feature Film: "Countfeit Green"

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7:00 Sign on
7:01 Morning Show
7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning Show
10:00 News Summary
10:30 Eternal Jerusalem
11:00 Sign off
11:00 News Headlines
12:00 Top Session
12:00 News Summary
12:30 Radioheque
14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Instrumentals
14:30 Over a Cup of Tea
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:00 Instrumentals
16:30 Old Favourites
17:00 Melody Time
17:30 In Concert
18:00 News Summary
18:30 Play of the Week
19:00 News
19:30 Top Twenty
20:30 Classical Music
21:30 Old Favourites

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AMMAN AIRPORT

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9:45 Kuwait
9:50 Karachi, Dubai
10:00 Doha, Bahrain
10:10 Beirut
10:15 Abu Dhabi
11:05 Abu Dhabi (Swissair)
11:05 Riyadh (Saudi)
17:00 Cairo
17:45 Copenhagen, Athens
17:45 New York, Vienna
18:05 London (BA)
18:05 Rome (Alitalia)
18:50 Copenhagen, Athens (SAS)
20:20 Cairo (EA)
20:30 Beirut (MEA)
21:30 Frankfurt
00:20 Cairo (EA)
01:00 Baghdad
01:00 Cairo
02:00 Baghdad

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3:00 Cairo
6:15 Frankfurt (LH)
6:45 Beirut
7:00 Agaba
7:40 Damascus, Paris (AF)
9:00 Cairo (EA)
9:00 Beirut (MEA)
11:00 Frankfurt
11:00 Vienna, New York
11:30 Geneva, Brussels
11:45 Geneva, Brussels
11:55 Athens, Zurich (Swissair)
12:00 London
12:05 Riyadh (Saudi)

12:30 Paris
13:15 Tripoli, Tunis
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SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

Philadelphian Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.

MUSEUMS

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday in Friday. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th in 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

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Marrow (large) 140

Cucumber (small) 330

Cucumber (large) 260

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Onions (dry) 90

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Grainfruit 110

Beet 140

SPORTS

Spurs hopes to celebrate centenary year with a League Cup victory

LONDON (A.P.) — Tottenham Hotspur hopes to celebrate its centenary year by defeating Liverpool Saturday in the final of the English League Cup soccer competition.

The talented North London team, which last season won the Football Association (F.A.) Cup and is in contention for four trophies this term, currently is playing the most entertaining soccer in England.

But Liverpool, the most consistently successful English club over the last two decades, roared back to form with a 5-1 victory over Stoke city Tuesday night.

"On this performance Liverpool are light years ahead of Tottenham," said Stoke manager Richie Barker after his team was outplayed by the Merseysiders.

"I don't see how they can be stopped. They gave us a lesson in the simplest arts—passing and finishing. They were fantastic."

Liverpool certainly has caught fire on occasion this season. Bob Paisley's team—now an intriguing mix of experience and youth—previously was noted more for its resolute efficiency than its

flamboyant style. Now youngsters like goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, midfielder Ronnie Whelan and striker Ian Cush have added panache to the punch.

But Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw well knows that Liverpool often can be maddeningly inconsistent.

Liverpool, in fact, lost 1-0 at home to mediocre Brighton last weekend while Tottenham swamped the same team 3-1 away on Tuesday despite playing without midfielders Glenn Hoddle and Ricardo Villa.

Inconsistency is the least of Tottenham's problems. Burkinshaw's team is unbeaten in 17 matches since December last year.

Instead Burkinshaw's biggest headache is team selection. Argentine Villa is fighting to overcome an injury in time to replace Mike Hazard, while the Spurs boss looks unlikely to be able to find a replacement for England prospect Graham Roberts or striker Marc Falco.

The Liverpool team is fairly settled with Paisley set to make a late choice between central defenders

Alan Hansen, who has a ligament injury, and Phil Thompson.

Liverpool won the League Cup last season by defeating West Ham in a replay but four of this year's starting lineup—Rush, Whelan, Grobbelaar and Mark Lawrenson—will be playing in a Wembley final for the first time.

Zimbabwe international Grobbelaar, much criticised at the start of the season, sees the match as a platform to hit back at his detractors.

"It was very difficult for me when the media were trying to shove me down all the time," he recalls. "But I didn't let it bother me and now I feel I've proved them wrong."

Grobbelaar senses a determination in the Liverpool camp to retain the trophy.

"When you win a cup there is a

lot of pride at stake to retain it," he said. "The bigger the occasion the better the Liverpool players perform."

Liverpool captain Graeme Souness, a former Tottenham player, is one of the men with the unenviable task of trying to tie down Tottenham's talented midfield trio of Glenn Hoddle, Osvaldo Ardiles and Villa or Hazard.

"I regard ourselves and Spurs as the two most entertaining teams in the country. Neither of us has found it difficult to score goals this season, but there won't be much given away at Wembley," Souness said.

Hoddle, on the other hand, predicts a classic final. "If both teams play to their full potential it could be one of the best League Cup finals ever," he said.

Tennis officials yet to decide on Borg's qualification for Wimbledon

LONDON (A.P.) — Tennis officials still are working on ways to avoid forcing Bjorn Borg this season to qualify for Wimbledon and the French Open championships, but no final decision will be made until April.

The Swede has refused to sign a commitment to play a minimum of 10 tournaments and according to Grand Prix rules this means he has to qualify for major tournaments including Wimbledon, which he has won five times.

The management committee of the All England Championships discussed the problem Thursday night, but reached no conclusion. There will be further discussion when European tournament directors meet in Brussels Saturday, but it is understood that no final decision will be made until next month after Wimbledon officials have had meetings with representatives of both the French

and U.S. Opens. If Borg is reduced to the status of a qualifier, either the draw for major events will have to be delayed to the last minute, or the Swede could not be seeded.

The tournament then would face the possibility of Borg facing players like John McEnroe or Ivan Lendl in the early rounds.

One possible solution being discussed is that former champions should be allowed direct entry into Wimbledon with five-year restriction.

If Borg is forced to play in the qualifying tournament, however, he will do so behind closed doors, Wimbledon secretary Chris Gorringe said Friday.

Gorringe said that to avoid problems with spectators at Roehampton, where qualifying matches are played, the public would not be admitted when Borg was playing.

New Zealand dismisses Australia for a modest 210

AUCKLAND (R) — Australia were dismissed for a modest total of 210 on a good batting pitch but hit back by grabbing two New Zealand wickets cheaply in the second cricket test Friday.

Fast bowler Dennis Lillee snapped up both wickets and New Zealand finished the opening day of the five-day match on 35 for two.

Two run outs which accounts for key batsmen Greg Chappell and Allan Border contributed as much to the relatively low score as New Zealand's four-pronged quick bowling attack in which Gary Troup took four for 82.

Chappell was threatening a major innings when he was run out for 32 in a mix-up with John Dyson, and Border was run out off the next delivery to make Australia 120 for five.

The touring team, given a solid start when opener Bruce Laird made top score of 38, were revived by Rodney Marsh, who hit 33, and Bruce Yardley, with 25.

The first match in the three-test series was ruined by rain and ended in a draw.

San Francisco marathon gets tentative prize money offer

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — Sponsors of the San Francisco women's marathon on June 6 have received tentative approval to offer \$65,000 in prize money, a race official said.

Sponsors representative Katherine Switzer said the proposed prize money would be distributed to the athletes' national governing bodies, some of whom have set up

trust funds for their runners.

"We have received tentative approval in accordance with the Athletics Congress of the United States and the International Amateur Athletic Federation to provide \$65,000 developmental prize money for the top 15 finishers," she said. Final approval was expected sometime in April, she added.

Don King offers cash to Hagler, Hearn to fight Wilfred Benitez

NEW YORK (R) — Promoter Don King Friday made separate offers, three million dollars to middleweight champion Marvin Hagler and two million to Thomas Hearn, for either one to fight Wilfred Benitez, the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-middleweight champion.

King said he sent telegrams to the managers of Hagler and Hearn, the former World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight champion.

"These are legitimate offers," King said. "I will put the money in the bank of whoever accepts my offer."

Pat Petronelli, co-manager of Hagler, said in Atlantic City last week that Hagler had signed to defend his title against Hearn, with the date and site still to be determined.

Reports of the purses for the boxers have ranged between three and five million dollars for Hagler and between two and four million dollars for Hearn.

Soviet Sainikov sets a new 400m freestyle world record

MOSCOW (R) — Vladimir Sainikov, winner of three gold medals at the 1980 Olympics, lapped almost a second off the men's 400 metres freestyle world record Friday.

Sainikov, competing for the Soviet Union in a swimming international against East Germany, clocked three minutes 49.57 seconds to beat the previous best of 3:50.49 set by Canadian Peter Schmitt almost two years ago.

East German Jorg Woithe improved his European record for the 100 metres freestyle, winning in 49.95 seconds. He had a previous best of 50.14.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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if he has nothing else to do.

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KQJ5 ♥6 ♦AQ543 ♣K76
The bidding has proceeded:
East South
1 ♠ ?

What action do you take?
A.—Don't interfere with someone who might be working for you! Your diamond suit is too weak for an overcall at the two-level, and you can't make a takeout double because you don't have heart support. Pass. Any action by you to impede the forward progress of the opponents could be to your detriment.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A853 ♥K76 ♦AKQ102 ♣7
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♠ Dble Pass 1 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—You have forced partner to bid, and he might have done so with little or nothing of value. So you should proceed with caution. A bid of two diamonds adequately describes your values—with a weaker hand you would have simply overcalled two diamonds. You should be reluctant to raise partner with only three trumps when he has bid a suit under pressure. However, if he rebids his hearts, you can then raise.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AKQJ9 ♥AK6 ♦AK83 ♣7
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 2 NT 3 ♠ ?

What action do you take?
A.—All you know about this hand is that partner is weak. You will be better placed to decide where you want to go after partner has clarified his holding. Pass. In view of your demand opening bid, the pass must be construed as forcing. This gives partner the opportunity of bidding three no trump, introducing a long suit of his own or of making a penalty double of three clubs.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠J1065 ♥5 ♦K92 ♣QJ76
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♥ Dble ?

What action do you take?
A.—You have a mediocre holding and no real prospect of improving the contract. The way to show such a hand is to pass. Do not worry about the possibility that partner will have to play the hand in one heart doubled—that rarely happens. What is certain is that any action by you simply makes the opponents' task easier by offering them the opportunity to make a penalty double at a higher level.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K ♠A984 ♦A10854 ♣Q105
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♥ Dble Pass 4 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Though you have a near minimum opening bid and you are facing a partner who passed originally, we would go on to five diamonds. The fact that partner couldn't stand your double of three hearts suggests that he is short in that suit, so your hands should fit well and game ought to be a reasonable undertaking.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A8 ♥K8 ♦AQJ1073 ♠A65
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass 3-0 Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Partner appears to have an unbalanced hand and, if it does not contain the king of diamonds, a contract of three no trump could prove vulnerable to a heart or club lead. We want to be in game even opposite a weak distributional hand, so we may as well bid it. Jump to five diamonds. If partner's bid was a waiting move, that might even lead to a slam.

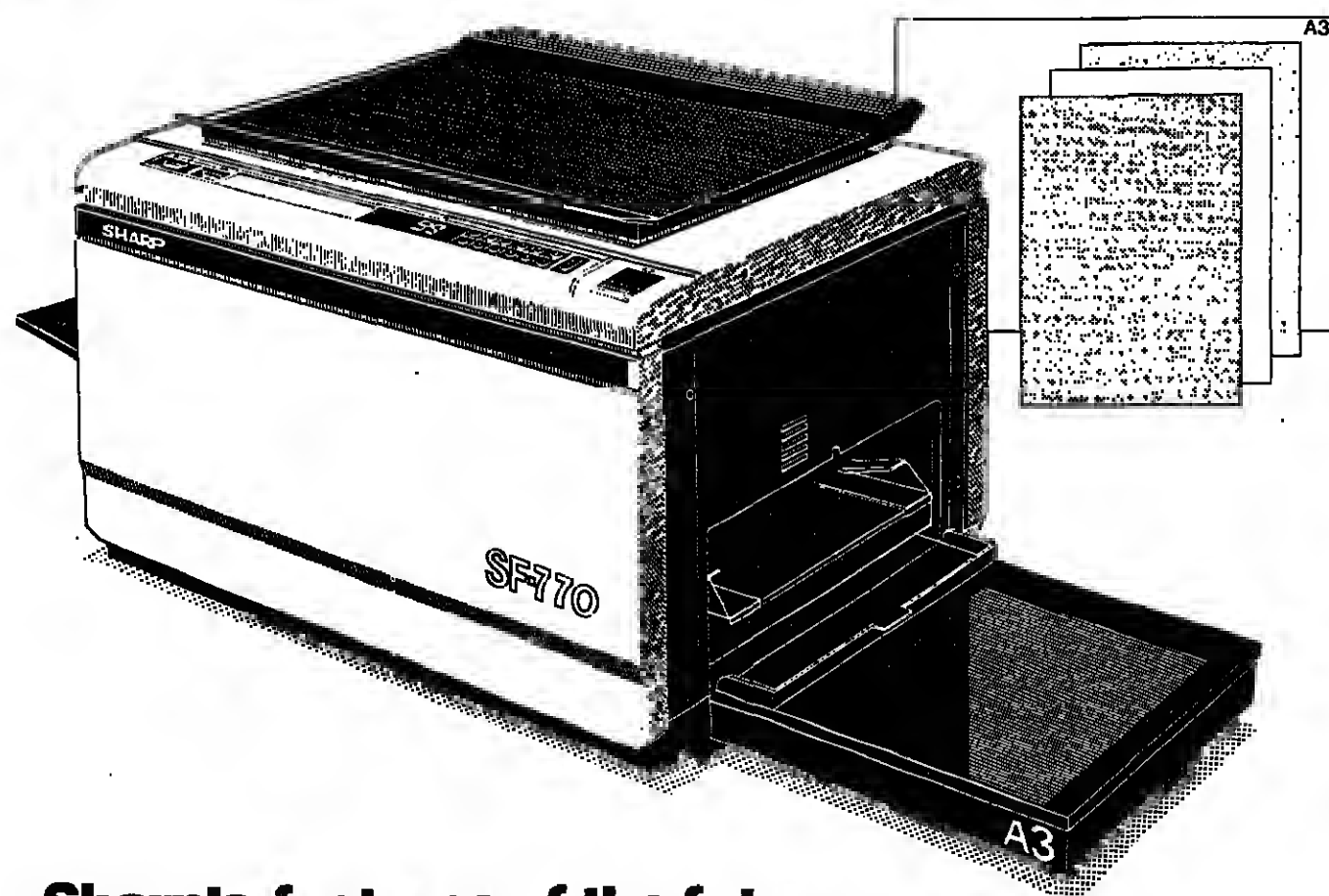
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The paediatrician of the working class is no good surgeon for industrialists

By Granville Watts
Reuters

BOMBAY — A doctor turned trade union leader who still operates out of his old dispensary has mobilized Bombay labour, confronting big business with large wage demands and often winning.

Employers have dubbed him "strike wallah" and claim he employs thugs and fear to keep strike-breakers in line.

But workers who have benefited say that Dr. Datta Samant has done more for them than any of the traditional political parties or trade unions.

Dr. Samant is currently locked in a test of strength with Bombay's powerful textile manufacturers, which has resulted in the closure of the city's 60 mills and brought 250,000 textile workers out on strike for almost two months.

Dr. Samant, 49, told Reuters that the morale of the workers was high and he was confident that the mill owners would cave in and pay substantial wage increases.

But Kantikumar Podar, a leading textile mill owner and president of Bombay Merchant's Chamber, said the workers were wavering and predicted the strike would be over by the end of the month.

Mr. Podar said the Bombay mills had been badly hit by the strike, losing production of 200 million metres of cloth, worth \$250 million, since the strike started on Jan. 18.

He said the mill owners refused to negotiate with Dr. Samant's union because they had an existing agreement, imposed under ar-

bitration during the former Janata government, with the Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh textile workers union.

The 250,000 textile workforce had left this union and flocked to Dr. Samant's Maharashtra Gini Kamgar Union three months ago after he secured big wage increases for Bombay car and iron workers.

In the last year Dr. Samant has settled 600 separate wage disputes and says his union now has more than a million members.

Last month Bombay's Mukand Iron and Steel Company emerged from a prolonged closure only after it had conceded Dr. Samant's demand for a \$56 a month minimum wage rise.

In the Premier Automobiles Company, which has a labour force of 9,000, the minimum wage is now \$125 a month — high by Indian standards — compared with \$80 before Dr. Samant organised a strike there.

In gratitude the auto workers donated about one dollar each to pay Dr. Samant an air-conditioned white Premier car, which is now a familiar sight in Bombay's industrial belt.

Mr. Podar accused Dr. Samant's union of using muscle power and said workers at his own mill had been badly beaten when they

tried to return to work.

The industrialist said the textile industry in Bombay was unable to meet Dr. Samant's demands for wage increases of about \$35 to \$50 a month. He said average monthly wages without benefits at the moment were about \$87 a month.

"Anyway we already have a recognised trade union with which we deal. We cannot have the law of the jungle," he said.

Millowners' Association Secretary R.L.N. Vijayanagar said last month that the textile mills were facing a financial crisis and were unable to accept demands for higher wages because it would impose on them an additional annual burden of \$12 million.

Dr. Samant, however, maintained that the basic wages of the textile workers compared badly with other industries and about 30 per cent of the workforce were part-time workers, getting only about 10 days work a month.

"When I was a doctor many of my patients were poor stone quarry workers who were getting only four rupees (50 cents) a day. I became interested in their cause and organised them," said Dr. Samant, who stopped practising medicine in 1976.

"Our first meeting was attacked by thugs and there was police firing. I was assaulted, but the men got more wages. The stone-cutters now get 30 to 40 rupees (four to five dollars) a day."

Dr. Samant said he once supported Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, but was jailed by her government during the 1975 emergency rule for organising labour agitation.

"I was in jail for one year and when I came out of prison the workers seemed to have more faith in me," he said.

Dr. Samant, who was detained twice for short periods last year under the government's national security act, said he had been jailed about 20 or 30 times.

He said he was not sure that he might land behind bars again, par-

ticularly if Mrs. Gandhi's government declared the Bombay textile mills an essential service and brought anti-strike laws into force.

Dr. Samant, whose union so far operates only in Maharashtra and Gujarat states, said he had received inquiries from workers in other parts of the country and was interested in making his union nation-wide.

He said he also wants to start a new political party to represent peasants and poor workers and fight exploitation of labour.

Some politicians and rival trade unionists declare that Dr. Samant will not last.

Soviet study shows Venus a younger version of earth

MOSCOW (R) — Two Soviet space probes which landed on Venus last week found that its surface is made up largely of basalt, a rock found at a depth of 60 to 80 kilometres on earth, TASS news agency said Tuesday.

Photographs and soil tests made by the two craft, Venus-13 and Venus-14, suggested that 60 to 70 per cent of the surface was covered in dark grey and brown boulders made of basalt melt, TASS reported.

It quoted scientists as saying that examination of the rock formations on Venus would provide vital clues about the original geological processes which shaped the earth.

Rocks from the first billion years of the earth had never been found by scientists but as Venus appeared to be something like a much younger version of earth this gap in knowledge could now be narrowed.

Photographs sent back by the probes last week revealed for the first time that Venus has an orange sky and is generally dark-brown in colour with no relief from bare rock.

Two rival pilots to fly round the world without refuelling

By Ronald Clarke
Reuters

MOJAVE, California — Two small aircraft companies are competing in this sand-swept desert town to break one of the last barriers in aviation—to fly round the world without refuelling.

Rival pilots Tom Jewett and Dick Rutan will have almost to double the existing record of 20,131 kilometres without refuelling, set by a U.S. air force B-52 bomber, to reach their target.

In an airfield hangar here on the edge of the Mojave desert, 32 kilometres from where the space shuttle Columbia is due to land later this month, Mr. Jewett and his Quikie Aircraft Corporation are putting the final touches to their plans for a record attempt early in May.

Mr. Rutan, of the rival Voyager Aircraft Corporation, does not expect to make his attempt until the spring of next year.

"There is certainly an element of danger in the flight, but I don't see myself as a daredevil," the quietly-spoken Mr. Jewett said. "I think we have a 90 to 95 per cent chance of being successful."

His plane, Free Enterprise, which is only eight metres long, has a wingspan of 16 metres and will carry between 1,400 and 1,800 litres of fuel.

"The plane will have fuel in its wings and in tanks at the end of each wing and in two tanks built into the fuselage," Mr. Jewett, a 30-year-old married man, said of his lone flight.

"With an engine designed to reduce fuel consumption, we hope to average 24 kilometres to the litre for the 37,000 kilometre route we have planned," he said.

Under the rules of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the sanctioning body for the flight, the plane must fly at least 36,778 kilometres to be considered to have flown round the world.

Free Enterprise will cruise at an altitude of between 6,600 and 8,800 metres in the jet stream.

"The flight should take about four days and I will sleep about 10 hours of that time," Mr. Jewett said. "The plane has an automatic pilot and four alarms to wake me if the plane goes off course or loses height."

To make full advantage of tail winds, Mr. Jewett plans to leave

from Houston, Texas, cross the gulf of Mexico to Miami, Florida, fly over the Atlantic north of the Azores over Egypt, Saudi Arabia and India.

The route continues over parts of Burma and China to Japan before he crosses the Pacific to northern California. Back in the United States, Mr. Jewett will fly over Tulsa, Oklahoma, before returning to Houston.

Free Enterprise will drop its landing gear soon after taking off to lighten its load and will land at about 96 kilometres per hour (KPH) on a wooden skid attached to the fuselage, Mr. Jewett said.

To qualify for the record, the plane must not land or refuel during its flight.

"The most dangerous part of the flight will be the first 480 kilometres when the plane will be heavy with fuel," Mr. Jewett said. "There could also be trouble if the engine packed up over a mountainous area at night."

Mr. Jewett, who weighs 77 kilograms, said without an engine the plane could glide about 340 kilometres from 8,200 metres.

"Every pound I can lose will mean an extra eight kilometres to our gliding range," he added.

A spokesman for Quikie, which has a staff of 20 and makes the parts for build-it-yourself aircraft, said the corporation had permission to fly over all the countries on the route except for Saudi Arabia.

"Saudi Arabia has asked for our flight plans and we don't expect them to refuse us permission unless another Middle East conflict flares up," the spokesman, Gil Brown, said.

Mr. Jewett estimates the entire flight programme will cost between \$350,000 and 400,000 and he is confident that now the plane is built he will obtain some major sponsors to enable him to break even financially.

Asked how his wife, Roxan, felt about the flight, he said: "she is concerned, but she is all for it."

Mr. Rutan will have a co-pilot, Jeana Yeager, 29, who weighs only 41 kilograms, on his flight, which he expects to take about 10 days.

"We are not going to take any short cuts," he said. "The world is 40,225 kilometres round and that is the distance we will fly, mainly over water."

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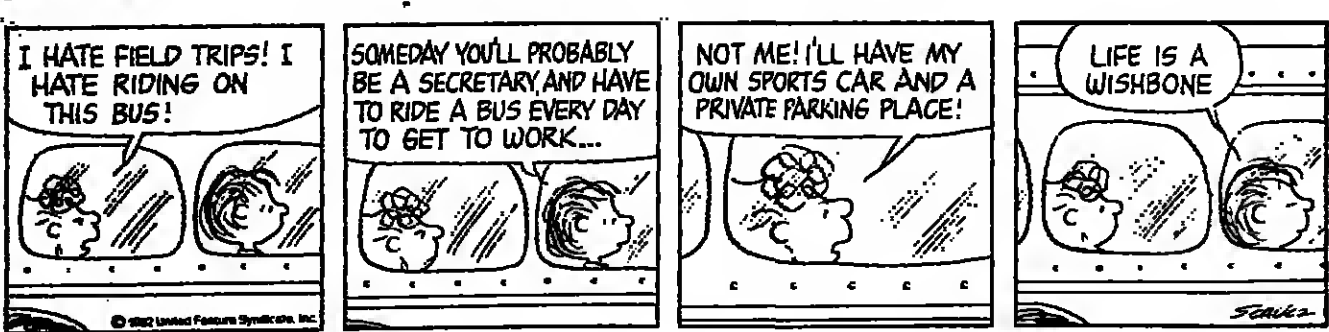
Yesterday's Jumbles: CHIDE GNOME DARING HEARSE

Answer: It's never shortened in poetry — "NE'ER"

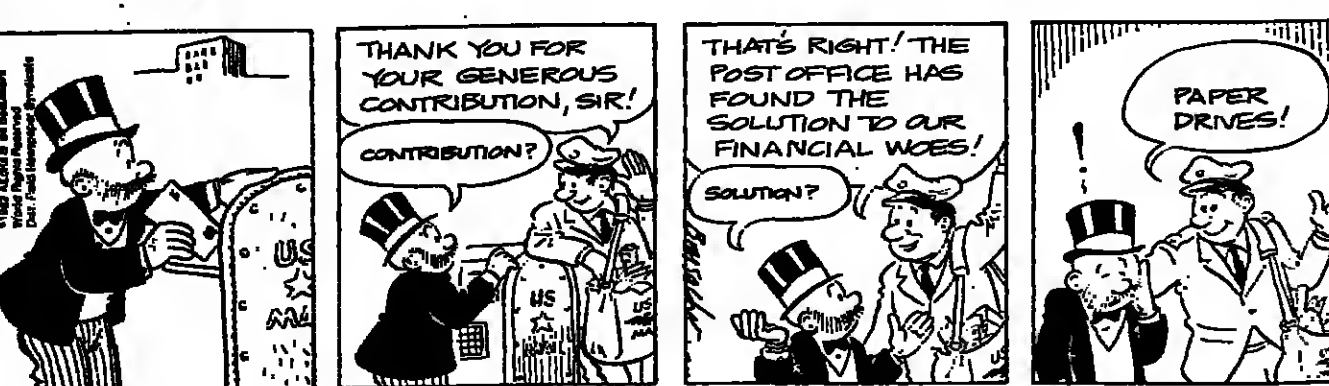
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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MAR. 13, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to engage in activities that can give you the greatest satisfaction. Be sure to use your full mental and physical qualifications to gain your aims. Use common sense.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your appearance and take the right treatments to improve it. Seek the company of those who can make you feel happier.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't neglect to handle duties that are important to your future. Your intuition is accurate now, so be sure to follow it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make notes of new ideas that can bring a better set of conditions into your life. Try to please the one you love.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take care of small tasks first before handling larger ones. Study your environment and make plans for improvement.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make plans to cultivate one whose thinking is different from yours. Make sure you don't spend money foolishly now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Show close ties that you are deeply devoted to them. Make sure you arrive on time for appointments. Express your talents.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make plans for having greater abundance in the future. Take health treatments and improve your appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contact friends and make mutual plans for the days ahead. You need to improve your health if you wish to accomplish more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make plans to engage in amusements with congenials. Loved one is now more willing to go along with your wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Find out what condition is causing disharmony at home and get rid of it. Make any concessions that are necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study your surroundings and make needed improvements. Be sure to take needed health treatments.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Ideal day to handle a monetary matter that is important to your future. Plan new ways to have greater abundance.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have the right solution to problems and would do well in any field of importance, so be sure to give the finest education you can afford. Give ethical and religious training early in life. Sports are a must here.

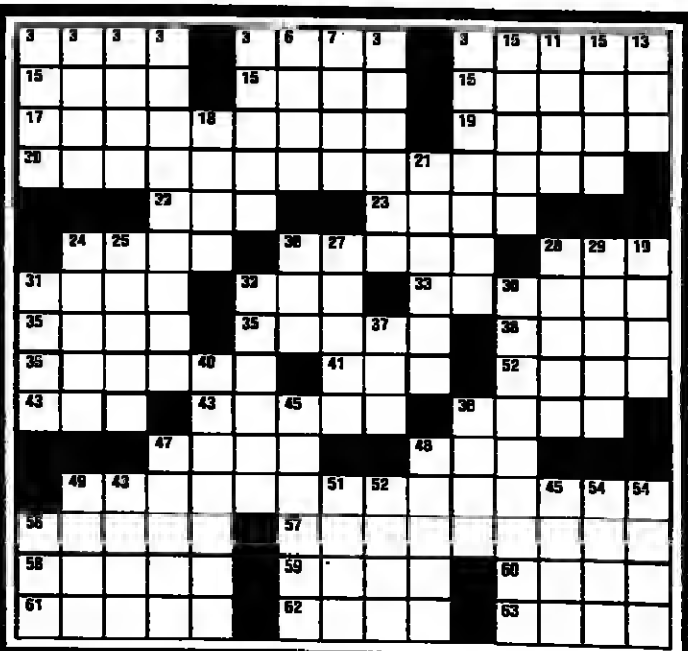
"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By Bernice Gordon

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WORLD

Witness says S. African officials involved in Seychelles coup plot

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa (R) — One of 43 mercenaries being tried on hijacking charges said the South African government was implicated in an abortive Seychelles coup last November, a prosecution witness told the court Friday.

The evidence was given by Durban Airport security chief Jacob Mouton, who conducted negotiations between the accused and police after a commandeered Air India Boeing 707 arrived at Durban Airport from the Seychelles on Nov. 26.

The 43 are charged with hijacking the plane to escape after the coup failed. The Pretoria government denies any involvement.

Col. Mouton said the first person to emerge from the plane was 40-year-old Peter Duffy, a comrade of veteran Congo mercenary Mike Hoare. They are among the accused.

Mr. Duffy told him they had tried to stage a coup against the socialist government of Seychelles President Albert Rene but had been unsuccessful.

"There are seven or eight members of the (South African) gov-

ernment involved," Col. Mouton quoted Mr. Duffy as saying. He was not asked if Mr. Duffy had named them.

Col. Mouton also said Mr. Duffy told him about 14 members of a crack South African reconnaissance regiment were among the group. Ten of the 43 are reservists with the elite Number Two reconnaissance commando, but on Thursday the court heard a defence force statement denying any knowledge of the coup attempt.

The Air India plane was on a scheduled flight from Zimbabwe to India when it landed in the Seychelles to refuel. Six other alleged mercenaries and a South African woman accused of being an accomplice have been charged in the Seychelles with taking part in the coup attempt and are expected to go on trial there next month.

Col. Mouton said Mr. Duffy asked if an aircraft was available which the mercenaries would board without their weapons and which could be flown wherever the government wanted them to go. Three stick grenades, ammunition and 38 AK-47 rifles were

found on the plane.

After consulting his superiors, Col. Mouton told Mr. Duffy there would be no further negotiations and a police task-force was arriving from Johannesburg.

The 79 passengers and crew were then released and the accused surrendered, leaving the aircraft without their arms.

Col. Mouton said the relationship between the passengers and the mercenaries appeared friendly but cautious.

He added that the only demand they made during the negotiations was that the body of a comrade killed in the Seychelles airport fighting be taken with them wherever they went.

After Col. Mouton's evidence, both prosecution and defence asked for an adjournment until Monday for consultations.

Judge Neville James, who is sitting with the assessors, granted the request, but said: "One of my personal ambitions is to have a full day in court." He was referring to the frequent adjournment that have so far marked the trial.

100,000 stateless in Sri Lanka

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — About 100,000 stateless people of Indian origin are still living in Sri Lanka, Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told parliament Friday.

He said the Sri Lankans and Indian governments were trying to find a solution to the problem of these immigrants. "We are confident that a comprehensive resolution of the question will be achieved, bearing in mind the wishes of the stateless persons," Mr. Rao said.

India and Sri Lanka signed two agreements in 1964 and 1974 on the repatriation to India of or the grant of Sri Lankan citizenship to about 975,000 stateless people of Indian origin. Of these, 375,000 became Sri Lankan nationals but about 100,000 others remained stateless, Mr. Rao added.

"The government of India has, in keeping with the spirit and letter of the agreements, provided every reasonable facility to grant its citizenship..."

Rome coalition to face confidence vote

ROME (R) — Italy's shaky coalition government Friday called for a vote of confidence to force parliamentary approval of its housing policy as the powerful Communist Party made a fresh bid for power.

The confidence vote, on a decree including more funds for public housing schemes, is the fifth the government has posed in five months. It compels Italy's squabbling ruling parties to rally behind Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini.

Only the five-party government, which holds a paper majority in parliament, was defeated on a Communist motion over plans to reform Italy's state energy giant ENI.

The confidence vote, in which



Giovanni Spadolini

deputies have to make their decision publicly, will be held Saturday.

U.S. eases entry policies for S. African military men

NEW YORK (A.P.) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration has quietly eased its policy of not allowing high-ranking South African military officials into the country on official business, the New York Times reported Friday.

Quoting unidentified State Department officials, the Times said the move was made in order to help negotiations toward the independence of Namibia (South West Africa) from South Africa.

The officials were quoted as saying that senior South African officials have come to the United States in recent months as part of delegations that have met with Chester Crocker, assistant secretary for African affairs.

The most recent meeting, the officials said, took place at the State Department on Feb. 22 and 23. Brand Fourie, the senior civil servant in the South African foreign ministry, was accompanied by military officials including Lt.-Gen. P.W. Van der Westhuizen, chief of staff for intelligence in the South African defence forces.

One official was quoted as say-

ing the general was allowed into the United States because "they came to negotiate and obviously they could bring who they wanted."

The ban against South African military officers in the United States had been part of the U.S. embargo on the sale of military equipment to South Africa.

Moscow denies using chemicals in Afghanistan, Kampuchea wars

MOSCOW (A.P.) — Soviet officials again have denied U.S. allegations that the Kremlin is using chemical weapons in Southeast Asia or Afghanistan, and a Soviet general branded Washington the "monopoly leader" in creating and stockpiling the deadly arms.

Maj. Gen. Anatoly Kuntsevich also pledged at a news conference Thursday that the Soviets will match, for defensive purposes, any new chemical weapons that the United States produces.

Walter J. Stoessel, deputy U.S. secretary of state, told Congress earlier this week that the United States had specific information

Mr. Spadolini, appointed last June as Italy's first prime minister since 1945 who does not belong to the Christian Democratic Party, is fighting almost daily battles to stay in power.

Giving its verdict on the current political situation the Communist Party said Friday the government had failed and called on the Socialists to join a left-wing alternative on the pattern of France's socialist government.

The call came in an official statement issued by the Communist Party's political directorate, which recently distanced itself from Moscow-style communism.

The Communists, Italy's second largest political force after the dominant Christian Democrats with 30 per cent of the vote, have been excluded from government since 1948.

Their statement attacked the Christian Democrats as being the main cause of political instability and criticised the Socialists for thinking Italy could be reformed without the Communists.

The Socialists, under the leadership of their ambitious Party Secretary Bettino Craxi, abandoned a loose alliance with the Communists two years ago in order to rejoin the government after six years of absence.

that Soviet forces in Afghanistan have killed more than 3,000 people in Afghanistan by chemical warfare. "The actual total is considerably higher," he said.

The United States also has asserted that Soviet-supported Vietnamese troops have employed deadly chemical weapons in their efforts to subdue Pol Pot's guerrillas in Kampuchea.

However, Nikolai Antonov, of the Soviet health ministry, insisted at the news conference that the Soviet Union "has never produced and is not producing" mycotoxins of the type allegedly being used in Indochina.

And Yuri Chernyakov, chief of the press department of the Soviet foreign ministry, denounced as a "lie through and through" U.S. assertions that the Soviets have used toxic agents as part of their efforts to defeat Afghan insurgents.

"This lie is particularly cynical in view of the fact that the only chemical weapons used in Afghanistan are U.S.-made grenades with which the United States supplies counter-revolutionary gangs," he said.

Llorca leaves for Morocco

MADRID (R) — Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca left Friday for a two-day visit to Morocco and talks on a bilateral fishing agreement.

He told reporters prospects for relations with Morocco were good and he hoped the fishing agreement, which expires at the end of the month, could be renewed satisfactorily.

More than 1,200 Spanish trawlers fish in Moroccan waters. Two weeks ago King Hassan of Morocco had surprise talks with King Juan Carlos of Spain in Palma de Majorca.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Israel rejects plan to expel reporters

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli authorities have rejected a proposal to bar from the country foreign correspondents alleged to be hostile to the Zionist state, foreign ministry officials said Friday. They said the proposal was made by Moshe Yegar, head of the ministry's information department, after Israeli officials charged the Western media with biased reporting under pressure from the Arab World. The officials said that Mr. Yegar also advocated expelling foreign newsmen already in Israel who were found to be preparing hostile articles. The disclosure of the shelved recommendation was made in Friday's English-language Jerusalem Post. It followed complaints by foreign newsmen of restrictions on reporting in occupied Arab territories and of a growing Israeli resentment about Israel's image in the foreign media.

Council of Europe sets Afghan day

STRASBOURG (A.P.) — The Council of Europe Friday called on its 21 member countries to commemorate March 21 as Afghanistan day. The council urged the parliaments and governments of the member states to mark March 21 as "Europe's own Afghanistan day" by which our people's express their warm sympathy and support for the people of Afghanistan and their desire to see the establishment of a free and independent Afghanistan. On Wednesday, U.S. President Ronald Reagan set March 21 as Afghanistan day in the United States, and the European Parliament last November adopted a resolution calling for the day to be observed in Europe. Several European governments have announced ceremonies to mark the occasion.

Sex-related crimes go up in Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — Rape and other sex-related crimes jumped by 45 per cent in Israel last year while murder and robbery dropped by about 10 per cent, police said Friday. There were 277 cases of rape in 1981 compared with 192 the previous year, a police spokesman said. He added that the overall number of crimes committed last year was 243,406 compared with 267,004 in 1980, a drop of 1.5 per cent.

Marcos to seek Saudi help to teach Islamic law to Filipinos

MANILA (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos said Friday he hopes to gain Saudi Arabia's support for Philippine efforts to teach Filipino Muslims Islamic law when he visits Riyadh in the near future. Mr. Marcos was speaking at the inauguration of the Shariah Institute, which will train Muslims specialising in Islamic law. The Philippines is probably the only nation with a Christian majority that has taken steps to integrate Islamic legal precepts into the national legal system, he said. Last month the government radio reported that Mr. Marcos was tentatively scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia on March 21-23 for a journey which officials said could lead to a solution to the Muslim secessionist problem that has troubled the southern Philippines for the past eight years.

Khomeini names former premier to replace Shirazi

LONDON (R) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has appointed a new member of Iran's council of guardians, Tehran Radio said Friday. The radio, monitored by Reuters, identified the new member as Hajj Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani, a former prime minister. He replaces Ayatollah Rabani-Shirazi, who was killed in a car accident on Tuesday. The council of guardians is a 12-member watchdog body which supervises the Iranian Majlis (parliament).

Kenya rejects Rene's charges

NAIROBI (R) — Kenya has denied fresh charges of involvement in last year's mercenary-led attempt to topple the Seychelles government and challenged President Albert Rene to produce some evidence.

The government published a statement Friday accusing Mr. Rene of trying to pre-empt the outcome of a report from a United Nations commission of enquiry on the abortive coup. The commission was formed after a battle for Seychelles international airport between white mercenaries and local troops last Nov. 25.

The statement followed an interview on Wednesday in which Mr. Rene was quoted as saying that Kenya's minister for constitutional affairs, Charles Njonjo,

and Police Chief Ben Gethi were deeply implicated in the plot.

Denying any involvement in the affair, the government's chief secretary, Jeremiah Kiereini, said: "The Kenya government has nothing to hide in the matter."

He added: "If President Rene has additional information available to him, it would only be fair for such information to also be made available both to the U.N. commission of enquiry as well as to the Kenya government."

Allegations of Kenyan involvement in an attempt to overthrow the left-wing government of the Seychelles were first made by a mercenary captured in the Indian Ocean island Archipelago after the fighting.

2 top Nkomo aides detained

SALISBURY (A.P.) — Joshua Nkomo's two top former guerrilla chiefs including the deputy commander of Zimbabwe's national army have been detained indefinitely without trial for allegedly plotting a coup, government sources said Friday.

A statement issued by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's office Thursday simply said the two men, Deputy Army Commander Lt.-Gen. Lookout Masuku and Soviet-trained former AZPU security chief Dumiso Pabengwa, had been "arrested by security forces in pursuance of the continuing investigations into caching of arms."

Gen. Masuku, formerly the Zimbabwe African Peoples'

Union (ZAPU) guerrilla commander, and Mr. Dabengwa, who retired from the national army joint high command July last, are the highest ranking members of Mr. Nkomo's minority party to be held since Mr. Mugabe unveiled details of an alleged coup plot against him Feb. 17.

Mr. Mugabe fired Mr. Nkomo and three other ZAPU ministers from the 23-month-old coalition government, claiming they were linked to a plan to start a civil war to oust his government. Earlier, weapons sufficient to arm a brigade of 5,000 were unearthed from farms owned by Mr. Nkomo and other ZAPU officials in Matabeland.

One day in office, Haughey clashes with London over Ulster

LONDON (A.P.) — Prime Minister Charles Haughey of the Irish Republic has clashed with the British government over strife-torn Northern Ireland after only one day in office, triggering speculation that relations between Dublin and London could sour and fuel the sectarian conflict in the province.

Only hours after being elected premier by the Dublin parliament Tuesday, Mr. Haughey called for the "final withdrawal of the British military and political presence" from Northern Ireland.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior, Tuesday testily dismissed Mr. Haughey's remarks as "totally unrealistic."

During a visit to a Northern Ireland factory Wednesday, Mr. Prior also took the staunchly nationalist Irish premier to task for saying that reunification of the partitioned Emerald Isle can only be negotiated between the Dublin and London governments.

Mr. Haughey ruled out any participation by the province's one million-strong Protestant majority. That was certain to deepen the distrust felt for Mr. Haughey by the Protestants, who violently oppose being merged with the

overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

Mr. Haughey's hard line "contradicts the proposition that reunification cannot proceed without their consent, a proposition to which Mr. Haughey subscribes on other occasions," The Times of London noted in an editorial Thursday.

"Mr. Haughey is not to be feared and should, as Mr. Prior has decided, be vigorously answered back," the Conservative Daily

Telegraph declared in an editorial.

Protestants already are fearful that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher plans to shoo them into reunification to rid Britain of an annual £2 billion (\$3.6 billion) aid burden.

The Times said Mr. Haughey's remarks will only "confirm the (Protestant's) ever ready suspicions of intensifying... consultation is aimed at the detachment of Northern Ireland from

the United Kingdom."

The Times also claimed Mr. Haughey's remarks will encourage the almost exclusively Catholic Irish Republican Army (IRA) in its guerrilla war to end British rule in Ulster and end 60 years of the partition.

There was, however, speculation that Mr. Haughey raised the thorny question to distract attention from the republic's worst economic crisis since the state was founded in 1921.

no deal was struck and that the Red Brigades "did not want to give up management" of the Dozier kidnapping.

The Bulgarian embassy statement said neither Bulgarian diplomats nor citizens had any contacts with persons linked to the Red Brigades, and called it an attempt to harm Italian-Bulgarian relations.

Gen. Dozier, asked at a news conference after his release whether he saw evidence of foreign involvement replied that his kidnappers "gave me no indication of outside support. They assured me they were Italian Communists."

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the aid was resumed in January, 1981 when left-wing guerrillas launched their so-called final offensive which collapsed after a few days.

Nearly five months later Defence Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia revealed that six members of the National Guard, a militarised force which backs up the regular army, had been arrested in

connection with the killings. But it was only last month that formal charges were made against five of the guardsmen. The case against them, according to Judge Rauda Murcia, rests largely on the testimony of the sixth guard, Salvador Rivera Franco, who has been released.

But the file also includes forensic and police reports, photographs, and even evidence provided by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The five accused, Sgt. Luis Antonio Colindres Aleman, Carlos Contreras Palacios, Francisco Contreras Recinos, Jose Moreno Canjura, and Daniel Canales Ramirez, have been to Zacatecoluca only once, to testify. Four of them are held at Mariona, San Salvador's biggest jail, and one in the western city of Santa Ana.

The accused, who have been discharged from the National Guard, have no defence lawyer until the *plenario* stage begins.

If they lack the funds to hire their own counsel, the judge will appoint one for them. Facing the defence lawyer, in the hall where Zacatecoluca holds both public festivals and trials, will be a state prosecutor.

The five jurymen and women

are chosen by putting 12 names of eligible citizens into an urn and drawing out five. One is then chosen president and another secretary.

Judge Rauda Murcia, who looks younger than his 43 years, wears his responsibility lightly. The judge who was due to take the case resigned suddenly two days before it began, but Dr. Bernardo puts this down to the character of his predecessor rather than to any sinister factor.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

4 sentenced to life for Bakhtiar attack

NANTERRE, France (R) — Four men have been sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing of a policeman and a woman, bystander during an assassination attempt in 1980 on former Iranian Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar. The jury of seven men and two women took three and a half hours Wednesday night to decide on life sentences for Anis Naccache, Nejad Tabrizi, Fouzi Al Satri and Salaheddine Al Kaara. A fifth man, Mohammad Jenab, was jailed for 20 years for his part in the attack on July 18, 1980, on Mr. Bakhtiar's private apartment in the West Paris suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine. Police identified the men as three Arabs and two Iranians, without saying which was which. Mr. Bakhtiar, the last prime minister named by the ousted shah, was not hurt in the attack. At the start of the two-week trial in Nanterre on the outskirts of Paris, the men stopped proceedings with screams and protests that their Islamic religious beliefs forbade women to judge them.

Commonwealth military team in Uganda

NAIROBI (A.P.) — Ugandan Vice-President Paulo Muwanga welcomed the head of a 36-man Commonwealth military training team and disclosed that Egypt has also offered to train Ugandan soldiers, Radio Uganda reported Friday. In a broadcast monitored here, the government-owned radio said Mr. Muwanga, who is also minister of defence, received British Col. John Clavering, leader of the Commonwealth team, and an officer from Sierra Leone. The team was agreed on at last year's Commonwealth summit conference in Melbourne, Australia, as one means to curb lawlessness in certain sections of the Ugandan army, which have been accused of killing, looting and rape on a vast scale. Mr. Muwanga was quoted as telling Col. Clavering that Egypt has offered to train officers and men of the Ugandan armed forces but he did not say whether the training would be in Uganda or Egypt.

Coroner says Belushi died of drug overdose

LOS ANGELES (R) — Film actor and comedian John Belushi, whose body was found in a hotel bungalow last Friday, died of an overdose of cocaine and heroin, according to the Los Angeles Coroner. In a brief statement on the death of 33-year-old Belushi, whose films included *The Blues Brothers* and *Neighbors*, the coroner, Dr. Thomas Noguchi, said: "The deceased died of an overdose due to intravenous injections of heroin and cocaine. Both cocaine and heroin were found on the premises." Police initially said Mr. Belushi had apparently died of natural causes. The coroner's office said last Saturday a two-hour post mortem had failed to show the cause of death. Mr. Belushi, whose bulging stomach, rasping voice and lunatic portrayals of a series of comic characters swept him to stardom in seven years, was buried Wednesday near his summer home on the island of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

S. African sentenced for forced castration

CAPE TOWN (R) — A white farmer who forced an 18-year-old coloured (mixed race) labourer to castrate himself at gunpoint after the youth raped the farmer's elderly mother has been jailed for 18 months. Passing sentence in a Cape Town court Wednesday, the judge said Ivan Burger, 42, had not carried out a punishment but committed a crime. Society could not condone torture, he added. During the trial, doctors testified that the castration had been performed cleanly and clinically correctly without anaesthetics. The youth, Kallie Fortuin, was sentenced to 10 years' jail last year for the November 1980 rape.

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